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Jobless total for young is halved

THE rate of youth unemployment in Cannock, Rugeley and Hednesford has halved in a year, according to new figures.

The number of 18 to 24-year-olds out of work at the beginning of September was 3.2 per cent. compared

the beginning of September was 3.2 per cent, compared with 6.4 per cent at the same time in 2013.

The news has been welcomed by Cannock Chase Council leader George Adamson, who said the authority had set itself a target to have the lowest rate of youth unemployment in the West Midlands region by 2018.

Councillor Adamson said: "This is a big fall, and I am delighted to see it. We are doing our best to promote job opportunities by securing commercial floorspace ing commercial noorspace for companies to set up business here. We aimed to create 20,000 square metres of new business premises over the last two years, and we have more than trebled that since April 2013."

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The bulk of the new floorspace is being provided at the Amazon depot in Rugeley, the third biggest of the eight warehouses the company has so far opened in the UK.

The new figures equate to a drop in the number of jobless young people in Cannock Chase from 515 to 265.

Woman hurt crossing road

A WOMAN was injured in a collision with a car in Cannock town centre.

The 20-year-old was crossing Park Road, near the British Legion Club, when she was struck at 2.50pm on Monday.

She was treated by paramedics at the scene before being taken to the County Hospital in Stafford although her injuries are not thought to be serious.

The accident, which involved a maroon Peugeot, blocked the road for more than 90 minutes.

REPAIRS to more than 2,000 potholes have been carried out on roads in the Cannock Chase district during the past year.

Highways bosses say they aim to prevent the ruts from appearing in the first place. The move followed complaints that not enough is being done to keep on top of the problems in

Rugeley and Cannock. However, Staffordshire County Council's cabinet member for transport, Councillor Mark Winning-ton, said there had been significant investment in highways in the Rugeley area in particular in the past 12 months.

He also said that the worst potholes are repaired within 24 hours of being reported.

ported.

He added: "As a county council we know that good roads are important for residents, for businesses and for the economy.

Invested

"That's why we continue to make significant invest-ment in the district's infra-structure.

structure.

"During the last year alone, around £4.65 million has been invested in the area, including the development of the Rugeley public realm, £130,000 on Rugeley cycle improvements and more than £1.2 million in structural maintenance projects to make the area an even better place to live, work and visit.

"Our highways crew have also fixed a further 2,000 potholes in the district in the past year and, while we continue to repair those posing the greatest safety risk to motorists on the same day, we want to focus more on measures to

prevent potholes from oc

By Deborah Hardiman

Traders and councillors earlier this month told the Cannock Chase town centre regeneration police committee that uneven pavements and potholes were causing a trip hazard for shoppers.

They claimed problems were reported in Cannock, Hednesford and Rugeley.

They also agreed to in-vite Councillor Winnington to attend fresh talks about a range of highways issues affecting pedestrians and motorists motorists.

motorists.

Last year the council received £500,000 from the Government to fix thousands of potholes as part of a total £6.6 million potholes cash pot which was shared with neighbouring bor-

Staffordshire's share of the money will be used to fill 86,000 holes. Workmen already tackle

Workmen already tackle more than 400 every week with the help of four Roadmaster vehicles, known as 'zapping machines', that fix additional ruts and resurface 'hotspots' on stretches of road in one go.

The machines, which are being rented by the council, are positioned in Gailey, Cannock, and Stone and in the Staffordshire Moorlands.

Record attempt blossoms at school



Nicole Froggart, aged six, with fellow pupils trying to set a record dressed as daffodils

BLOOMING lovely pupils at a Cannock school took part in a Guinness World Record attempt to raise money for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Around 160 children and teachers from Heath Hayes Academy in Wimblebury Road attempted to set a world record for the biggest number of people dressed up as daffodils in one place.

The idea for the challenge was influenced by the daffodil logo of the Marie Curie charity, which pupils from reception up to Year 6 had been learning about.

Youngsters spent a week preparing various cakes and items such as coasters and mouse mats to sell to parents at a special fundraiser on Friday afternoon to further the donations already ther the donations already made.
From sponsorships and

from sponsorsings and fundraising, the school has raised £800 for Marie Curie, which cares for people with any terminal illness.

Headteacher Becky Graham said: "It was a fantastic day, which converse they

ham said: "It was a fantastic day which everyone thoroughly enjoyed."

The attempt was part of a pilot scheme called Try5 which was introduced by a charitable organisation, REAch2 Academy Trust, which currently supports Heath Hayes Academy as well as 34 other primary academies across England. Mrs Graham added: "We

Mrs Graham added: "We won't find out from Guinness World Records whether we achieved it for another two-and-a-half months yet but we're very confident that we will."

Discount bus fare qu op by 20pc

THE cost of discounted bus travel for young people in Staffordshire is to go up by 20 per cent next month.

It is the first increase since the Your Staffordshire Card was launched in 2011.

From April 1 the price for travel will rise from £1 to £1.20 – but council bosses say the scheme still repre-

£1.20 – but council bosses say the scheme still repre-sents 'tremendous value'. More than three million journeys have been made by young people aged 12 to 19 who use the card, with a flat fare for trips starting in Staffordshire.

flat fare for trips starting in Staffordshire. Mark Winnington, cabi-net member with responsi-bility for the scheme, said: "The Your Staffordshire Card really has been a huge

Card really has been a huge success story.
"I am absolutely delighted that the bus operators have agreed to continue the partnership with the county council and that we will continue to offer discounted travel to young people.
"We still believe this discounted scheme not only represents tremendous value for money, but opens up affordable travel and access to discounts at shops.

up allordable travel and access to discounts at shops, restaurants and leisure facilities for young people across the county.
"It will also soon become a smart card, which will make it wild and so it forms."

it quicker and easier for peo-ple to get benefit from travel and retail discounts."

Probe into house fire

A WOMAN suffered smoke inhalation in a blaze at her Cannock home.

Fire crews called to Lilac Avenue, Bridgtown, at 2.30pm on Monday found flames engulfing the kitchen of the semi-detached house.

Fifteen firefighters bat-tled through thick smoke to tackle the blaze. The woman was treated by paramedics.

Fire service spokeswoman Michelle Hunt said: "It is unclear how the fire started. An investigation is under way to find out."

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Tree to be planted as Stephen tribute Cameron

AN oak tree will be planted in the grounds of a school in memory of inspirational teenager Stephen Sutton.

The 19-year-old from Burntwood died last May following a battle against cancer. After his death, Burntwood Town Council held discussions with his family over how he could be remembered in his hometown.

The tree 19-year-old oak to mark Stephen's age when he died, will be

planted in the grounds of Chase Terrace Technology College where he was a pupil. Town council chairwoman Di Evans said: "The school and his family have agreed to it. It'll be close to the road so people driving past or walking past will be able to see it."

Mrs Evans said the planting will

Mrs Evans said the planting will take place next month and a commemorative plaque will also be unveiled. She added that a yellow ribbon will

be tied round the tree at the cere-mony. Funds raised on the day will be donated to the Teenage Cancer Trust, the charity for which Stephen raised millions of pounds.

The town council has also launched a bursary scheme for youngsters.

"It is open to the two high schools in the town. It has to be someone from Burntwood and they can have any talent," Mrs Evans added.



Appeal for helpers to reveal Chase war story

ry of the First World War on Cannock Chase.

It follows the news last month that £10.000 has been awarded by the Heritage Lottery Fund to set up a project about the site's role in the conflict. In 1914, two camps capable of holding up to 40,000 men were constructed and upwards of 500,000 sol-

Tree packs
to help turn

County green

Staffordshifter

The camps had their own church, post offices, a bakery and even a theatre.

One of the training trench systems still survives, as well as extensive archaeological remains of both camps, including hut bases and former roads and rail-ways that survive fossilised ways that survive fossilised within the visiting footnath

STAFFORDSHIRE falls below the national aver-age for tree cover – so local

age for tree cover – so local youngsters and community groups are taking action.

This month 3,500 tree packs are being delivered to schools and community groups throughout the UK as part of the Woodland Trust's Free Trees scheme.

Among those taking part are Churchfield CE Primary School in Rugeley and

mary School in Rugeley and Armitage with Handsacre Allotment Association.

Allotment Association.
Staffordshire has 9.2 per cent tree cover compared with the national average of 13 per cent. The average in Europe is 44 per cent.
John Tucker, the Woodland Trust's woodland creation director, said: "It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm for the Woodland Trust's fee tree packs.

Trust's free tree packs.

"It takes just 10 years for trees to grow well above head-height, so communities could be enjoying the rewards sooner than you'd think."

think."
Free tree packs will also be available this autumn. Visit www.woodlandtrust. org.uk/freetrees or email communitytrees@woodland trust.org.uk to find out more. Registration for autumn tree packs closes on September 3.

Anger at lorries stuck in street



portant that we remember our local history."
All volunteers are invited to attend a coffee morning From left, John Pearson and Roy Prince from SH Financial Consultants Ltd, local resident Pete Wilcox, Linda Whitehouse of Hednesford Traders Group and Jade McLaughlin from Find it in Hednesford or atternoon to register their interest.

These will be on Tues-day, March 24, 10am-mid-day, at The John O'Leary Education Room, Cannock Chase Visitor Centre; Sat-

row street in Hednesford.

The delivery vehicles are driving down Eskrett Street due to satellite navigation systems guiding them along the wrong route. Drivers are approaching the end of Eskrett Street and because of cars parking on double yellow lines at the junction with Market Street, lorries are unable to manoeuvre round the corner.

One resident, who did not wish to be

RESIDENTS and traders have spoken of their anger at lorries getting stuck in a narrow street in Hednesford.

named, said: "Lorries often get stuck turning into Market Street and have to reverse all the way back down Eskrett Street." verse all the way back down Eskrett Street

verse all the way back down Eskrett Street again."

Linda Whitehouse, of Hednesford Traders Group, said: "This part of the town should be a double red line zone to stop people blocking the street."

Bosses at Cannock Chase Council have proposed to meet with the transport chief of Staffordshire County Council, Mark Winnington, to discuss the matter.

praises work by Newlife

DAVID praised a Cannock charity that helps disabled children

that helps disabled children. It came after Cannock Chase MP Aidan Burley called on the Prime Minister to congratulate Newlife Foundation for Disabled Children on its successful campaign to change the law, allowing up to 70,000 children to benefit from more advanced wheelchairs.

The change to the Road

The change to the Road Traffic Act means that Newlife will legally be able to give wheelchairs weighing up to 200kg, rather than the previous limit of 150kg, to children under 17.

Previously, anything weighing over 150kg was classified as a car and re-quired a driving licence to operate, meaning many of the more modern, hi-tech wheelchairs such as those with a sit-to-stand facil-ity were not legally able to be used by children who needed them.

Mr Cameron said: "I am very happy, with my honourable friend, to praise that business and to pay tribute to all those who give disabled young people the chance of more choice over wheelchairs.

"Anyone who has had a child in a wheelchair knows that choice is important."

M6 shut over fears for man

THE M6 was closed in both directions when police responded to reports of a man on the wrong side of the safety barrier.

The motorway was closed The motorway was closed between junction nine, for Wednesbury, and junction 11, for Cannock, on Thursday evening while police dealt with the incident at the junction 10 island, near Walsall.

Police were alerted to the man, believed to be in his 50s, standing on the elevated island at 9pm when a passing motorist became concerned. The man was taken to hospital.

Talk on admiral

ADMIRAL Anson of Shug-ADMIRAL Anson of Shug-borough is the topic of a talk to Cheslyn Hay & Dis-trict Local History Society. Winston Leese will give the talk, at the Salem, in High Street, Cheslyn Hay, from 7.30pm on Thursday, March 26. Admission is £1 includ-ing referebrents. ing refreshments

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ways that survive fossilised within the existing footpath network or as earthwork features.

Reaching Out Arms – The Story of WW1 on Cannock Chase, marking the centenary of the Great War, will involve guided walks and tours as well as the publication of an information leaflet.

Important

Now the Friends of Cannock Chase and Cannock Chase and Cannock Chase Area Of Natural Beauty, who together applied for the grant, are urging volunteers to get involved.

Lisa Davanout project

Lisa Davenport, project officer, said: "It's really im-

or afternoon to register

Chase Visitor Centre; Sat-urday, April 18, 11am-2pm, at the Museum of Cannock Chase; and Monday, April 27, 1-3pm, at the Wolseley Centre, Wolseley Bridge. Email cannockchaseww1@

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Officers tasered fleeing motorist

A MAN had to be tasered to the ground by police after he fled officers in a high-speed getaway, Cannock

he ffed officers in a high-speed getaway, Cannock Magistrates Court heard. Lee Price drove at speeds nearly twice the limit in a Peugoet 106 around Brere-ton on February 16. The 28-year-old of Armit-age Road, Rugeley, was trav-elling at 50mph on a 30mph road and at 70mph on a 40mph stretch.

40mph stretch.

Officers drove at speeds of up to 90mph to keep up with him, Ms Emma Wynn-Owen, prosecuting, said.

They chased him on the A513, Lea Hall Way, Thompson Road, Lodge Road, A51 and Horse Fair hoad, A31 and Horse Fair before he abandoned the car, for which he was unin-sured. Ms Wynn-Owen said: "He got out of the vehicle and police gave chase. The defendant turned around as if to attack the officers. The officer red dotted him causing him to fall to the floor."

Price pleaded guilty to dangerous driving and driv-

ing without insurance and was committed to Stafford Crown Court for sentenc-ing on a date yet to be con-

Price was fined £35 and ordered to pay a £20 victim surcharge for missing two previous court dates.

Man dies as car hits tree

A MAN died after the car he was driving crashed into a tree in Staffordshire.

Paramedics were called to the A513 Croxall Road be-tween Alrewas and Croxall near the National Memorial Arboretum just before 11am on Friday

The man, who was in his 40s, was driving a blue Audi TT. He died at the scene.

The police have been trying to trace his family. The road was closed until 1.45pm while investigations were carried out.

Police are appealing for witnesses to the crash to call 101.

Handful of songs

ST Paul's Methodist/United Reformed Church, Lichfield

Street, Rugeley, is hosting a concert on Saturday entitled 'A Handful of Songs'.

The concert by a new group called Friends in Voice under the direction of John Nighells storte at of John Nicholls starts at 7.30pm. Admission is£5.

Region suffers net loss of 153 shops in a year

MORE shops closed down than opened in the town centres of Staffordshire and the Black Country last year.

In total, there were 371 new store openings and 524 closures as retailers responded to the rise of online sales and changing shopping patterns. The net loss of 153 shops was up on 2013 when it was 76.

The research from the Local Data Company for accountants Pricewaterhouse-Coopers found that Cannock had 11 stores shut down and seven open, in Lichfield 10

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closed and nine opened, and in Stafford 14 closed and eight opened. Walsall had 21 shops shut and 12 new ones open. However, in Bloxwich, there was good news, with no

in blowlich, there was good news, with no shop closures and one new opening.

Rob Hunt, restructuring partner at PwC in theWest Midlands, said: "This year's numbers expose the harsh impact of 'macro' changes on the high street, especially in certains." tain sub-sectors – increasing regulation for money shops, the advance of technology for some phone operators and the continued

shift to the internet in the clothing sector. Despite the benign economy, the net loss of shops has accelerated. The insolvencies of Phones4U, Albemarle & Bond, and La Senza, a diverse cross-section of the retail market, epitomise these factors.

"Despite the continuing problem of closures, new sub-sectors, such as discount shops and charity shops keep growing. The strength of the restaurant and fast-food sectors is also a boost for the high street."

tors is also a boost for the high street." Wolverhampton saw 35 closures and 14

branches during 2014.

openings. The analysis also highlights the changing profile of town centres across the West Midlands, with mobile phones shops (a net loss of 44), former bank branches, money services shops, fashion shops and estate agents (a net loss of 11) all most likely to be pulling down their shutters in 2014. Charity shops (a net increase of 11), e-cigarettes outlets, jewellers, shoe shops, financial advisers, coffee shops and discount stores were among these opening the most stores were among those opening the most

100 new homes planned for site of former factory

ALMOST 100 new homes will replace a former manufacturing plant near Cannock, under plans which have been unveiled.

Parker Hannifin moved from the eight-acre facto ry site in Bridgtown eight years ago with the loss of 140 jobs. Plans have now emerged for 93 homes at the site in Walkmill Lane, off the A5, which has been on the market since the American firm left.

Developers Schroder
Property Investment Management submitted the
proposal to Cannock Chase
Council.

State By Katy-Rose Meaney
residents. I will welcome the
plans with open arms."

It will see 35 two-bedroom It will see 35 two-bedroom homes, 36 three-bedroom homes and 22 four-bedroom family homes built. Each of the homes will be two-sto-rey, with additional bed-rooms in the larger homes, accommodated in the roof.

Decided

The new homes will be a variety of semi-detached properties and rows of terraced properties. A number of the properties proposed will be affordable housing.

The exact number pro-vided on the site will be de-

cided at a later date.
Councillor Eddie Smith,
chairman of Bridgtown
Parish Council, said the proposal would benefit the

proposal would benefit the community.

He said: "This develop-ment is excellent news for the community – we are getting bigger and stronger - and I am delighted there will be more affordable homes built to cater for our

residents. I will welcome the plans with open arms."

The east of the site is bounded by Walkmill Lane and to the south by Vine Lane. The west of the site is bounded by the retail park where Fitness First and B&Q are based, and the site

currently has a single access point off Walkmill Lane. Nearby in Walkmill Lane there is a nursing home and another residential development in Earlswood Way, off Lakeside Boulevard, and as part of the design, the hous-ing estate will be landscaped along the Walkmill Lane

Under the submitted plans, there are two sug-gested access roads. Public roads will also be included

and the plans include 169 car parking spaces. The site is currently occu-pied by Carillion on a temporary basis for open storage but if the plans are approved it would be cleared, includ-ing the remnants of the for-mer demolished building.

Affair towns uncovered

SEVERAL towns in Staffordshire and the Black Country

SEVERAL towns in Staffordshire and the Black Country have made it onto the list of the top 100 most adulterous towns in the UK, according to data from a dating site for married people. Stourbridge ranks 31 in the Infidelity Index, which has been released by controversial website IllicitEncounters.com. According to the website, 725 people

are having affairs. Based on the percentage of the popula-tion, Cannock also ranked 36th, while Walsall ranks 59th.

Free travel for 170 millionth toll user

Lara Valdebouze with James Hodson, director of motorway operations, in front of the Weeford Junction plaza

THE 170 millionth customer on the M6 Toll has been rewarded with free travel on the motorway for the next 12 months.

12 months.

Lara Valdebouze, of Cannock, had her car fitted with a special tag by Midland Expressway Ltd's director of motorway operations to enable her to travel on the road free of charge.

The tag is a small electronic device which is fitted to a driver's windscreen and allows users to pre-pay for passage on the road and pass through a dedicated lane usually without the need to stop.

Tags cost a monthly lease fee of £1

each and provide a five per cent dis-

count per trip.

Miss Valdebouze said: "I commute Miss Vaidebouze said: 1 commute from my home in Cannock to my workplace in Polesworth and use the M6 Toll daily, so unlimited free travel for a year will be very welcome." She was told of her good fortune at

Sne was told or ner good rortune at the Weeford Junction plaza, where she was also presented with her tag. "I am a French teacher at The Polesworth School so it is imperative that I am on time for my students. Using the M6 Toll avoids the current local roadworks and ensures that I'm on time for my classes," she said. Midland Expressway Ltd, operators of the M6 Toll, intend to reward every subsequent 10 millionth costomer.

Since it opened in 2013, traffic on the motorway has increased from 34,000 customers a day to more than

MEL's director of motorway op-erations James Hodson said: "170 million customers is a huge milestone for us, so we wanted to mark the occasion by awarding Miss Valdebouze

"I'm delighted to hear that she has already experienced the benefits of travelling on the M6 Toll."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Libraries stage **Bard activities**

STAFFORDSHIRE librar ies are celebrating Shake-speare Week with a variety of events and activities.

The national annual celebration aims to give primary school children an enjoyable first encounter with the Bard. Tomorrow, Years 5 and 6 classes from Hazelslade Primary and St Mary's RCA Primary will visit Cannock Library for 'play in a day' workshops on MacBeth.

And until Saturday, Can-nock Library and Rugeley Library will be running Shakespeare-themed chil-dren's activities.

800 sign petition for health centre

MORE than 800 people have signed a petition calling for a multi-million pound health centre in Burntwood to be built.

The project was ear-marked on the site of Burntwood Leisure Cen-tre but was thrown out by NHS England in 2011.

A petition calling for the decision to be overturned has been sent to Health Minister Jeremy Hunt.

Work on the planned GP and nursing complex would have got under way

Reminder to vote for a fire champ

THERE is one day left to nominate a Fire Service Champion 2015 in the MORE Awards.

To place a nomination, visit www.staffordshirefire.gov.uk or email j.russell@staffordshirefire.gov.uk

The deadline for nom inations is tomorrow, and the MORE Awards ceremony will be held in Staffordshire County Showground's Ingestry Suite on June 23.

Museum space for exhibitions

THE Museum of Cannock Chase in Hednesford is appealing to local artists and photographers who would like to display their work.

like to display their work. Everyone from enthusiastic newcomers on the art scene to established artists and photographers can apply to hold an exhibition at the museum. For information call the booking officer on 01543 877666.

Zeppelin tribute

LED Zeppelin tribute band Fred Zeppelin will be play-ing at Lichfield Hockey Club tomorrow. Tickets for the show are available on 07763 661878 or at www.wegottickets.com/ event/310481





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A FORMER SNP leader Gordon Wilson says first minister Nicola Sturgeon should declare Scottish independence if the UK votes to leave the EU but Scots wants to stay in. So that's just one single referendum to a) get us out of Brussels' clutches and b) solve the Scottish Question.

LAY 100 pennies on the table in front of you to represent the annual spending of the UK. Now, given that politicians of all parties agree that "Defence of the realm is the first duty of any government," how many of those pennies would you spend on defence? The answer so far, from all the main parties, is barely 2p. One serious suggestion in Whitehall is that Britain could hit its target of spending two per cent on defence by including the money paid in pensions to old soldiers. This is not soldiering; it is creative

IN general elections, the homing instinct is powerful Dved-in-the-wool Tories and Labour voters who dabbled with Ukip in by-elections tend to drift back into the fold. dare say thousands are looking for an excuse not to vote for Ukip on May 7, hoping for just a hint that Nigel Farage's party is not yet respectable enough to be trusted. And then Farage shot himself in the foot by announcing he would scrap some of the laws against racial discrimination in the workplace. Alarm bells ringing? Thursday, March 12 may go down in history as the day when Ukip blew it.

REMEMBER how computers were going to create the paperless office? This week I bought a shirt on the internet. As soon as the deal was done, I received a form to print, confirming my order. A few minutes later, I got an emailed receipt, followed two minutes later by an order reference number which was followed, after another two minutes, by an order confirmation. The next day the boss of the shirt-making company sent yet another lavish email. We have swapped the paperless office for a dark, dense

forest of electronic clutter.



THERE'S nothing like childlessness to give you a sugary, sentimental view of family life. The Pope castigates people who do not visit their frail and elderly parents in homes, declaring: "It is sickening to see the elderly discarded. It is a sin." Memo to his Holiness: In real life, some parents do not like their children and some children do not like their parents.

LET'S not get too sniffy and superior about the LET'S not get too snimy and superior about the shock-horror news that thousands of babies in China are being sold on the internet. It is happening because China has no law against private citizens offering babies for adoption. There is a grey area between offering an infant for genuine adoption and selling it to the highest bidder. If UK citizens were also allowed to offer babies for adoption, how long before eBay would be stuffed full of adorable British kids, yours for £20,000?

DRIVING home a few nights ago I came up behind an old, rather small, sports car. It turned out to be an Aston Martin DB5, as driven by James Bond in the 1960s. Back Martin DBS, as driven by Jamies Borld in the 1900s. Back then, the DBS was a great big beast of a car. Today it is dwarfed by the traffic around it, a reminder of the relent-less growth in the size of family saloons, and the lumpy, ever-growing humans they are designed to carry. Believe it or not, the DBS is 7.4 inches narrower than a modern Ford Focus and only eight inches longer.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

DADS the word in TSB charity link-up Alert over

TSB has announced DADS Family Help & Support as the bank's first local charity partner for Cannock. A £100 donation will be presented to the charity from TSB to kick-

to the charity from TSB to kick-start the partnership.

Instead of having a centrally cho-sen charity of the year, TSB staff are invited to nominate local causes.

DADS Family Help & Support was nominated for the work it does

in Cannock to develop recreational facilities and opportunities for dis-abled children and their families to interact more effectively in their

interact more enectively in their wider community.

DADS Family Help & Support was selected from a shortlist of charities nominated by local TSB customers and employees. TSB's branches in Cannock will now aim to make a reveal was a convenible.

throughout 2015 to support the charity's work.

Tomasz Szydlak, who works at TSB in Cannock, said: "DADS Family Help & Support do some amazing work in the area and it was really important to us to pick a charity partner that gives so much back to the community.

"We can't wait to get our fund-

back to the community.

"We can't wait to get our fundto raise as much money as possible raising off the ground and work

together to make a real impact locally."

The charity's Andy Aldred said:
"It's amazing that TSB in Cannock have chosen us to be their charity for the year – thank you."

In 2014, TSB's staff raised nearly case and the whortiles across the UK

£290,000 for charities across the UK by holding fundraising events such as cake sales, raffles and sponsored

Record £60,000 haul in illegal cigarette raids

MORE than £60,000 worth of illegal ciga rettes and roll-up tobacco was seized in a record year for trading standards officers in Staffordshire.

The county council's team uncovered more than 110,000 cigarettes, and almost 30kg of tobacco was 110,000 cigarettes, and almost 30kg of tobacco was intercepted. The products can contain heavy metals, cyanide, plastic and rat droppings among other dangerous ingredients.

Last August, in raids on 13 shops, a total of 19,850 cigarettes and 7.75kg of tobacco which would have been sold off at £14,000 if tobacco has a devastating effect on health, more so effect on health, more so

legitimate were seized.
At one store targeted in Stafford, 4,600 cigarettes and 3kg of tobacco were confiscated
The cigarettes were a mix of foreign and counterfait

of foreign and counterfeit.

Problem

Trading standards bosses have revealed that over last year they uncovered 118,300 illegal cigarettes and 28.5kg of illegal tobacco. The county council's cab-ine member responsible for treding standards. Council

trading standards, Council-lor Gill Heath, said: "The availability of illegal tobacco and alcohol in Staffordshire is no greater than anywhere else but does present a sig-

"In the UK, it is estimated that about one in 10 of all cigarettes and half of all hand-rolling tobacco are

not duty paid.
"The illegal trade in to-bacco has strong links to

organised crime, and illicit tobacco has a devastating effect on health, more so than smoking legitimate

cigarettes. "The county council has worked hard to combat the sale of illicit alcohol and to-bacco in recent years," she

added.

She said that this month a shop owner in Burton was sent to prison for selling illegal cigarettes.

Councillor Heath said:
"We have received a great deal of information from local people on shows and

deal of information from local people on shops and individuals suspected of sell-ing illicit tobacco products which plays a big part in our operations.

"We will continue to tar-ret our resources where

get our resources where we know the sale of illegal and sometimes danger-ous tobacco and alcohol is going on to ensure people in Staffordshire communities remain safe and our young people are not exposed to dangerous life-threatening products."

Pets prepared for Chase walk



Wrapping up warm ready for the charity dog walk are Lynne Cornes and Dudley

COLD weather can get to us all - even to I've done the walk. I work for Newlife and this little Yorkshire terrier, who has been

this little Yorkshire terrier, who has been wrapped up ahead of a charity walk. Dudley and owner Lynne Cornes will be among those taking part in Walkies In The Woods on Cannock Chase this weekend. It has been organised by Cannock-based children's charity, the Newlife Foundation, and is being held to raise money to provide vital disability equipment for children living in Staffordshire. Last year, more than 20 dog lovers took their pooches along to the Chase for the walk.

Miss Cornes said: "This is the first time

speak to families every day and I hear how they benefit from the charity."

they benefit from the charity."

Cannock's K9 Club will be joining in this year and one of their members plans to bring along a winner from Crufts 2015 – Rottweller Nova Hof Chao, who won her class, Junior Bitch. Darren Willets said: "K9 is pleased to be supporting Newlife."

Two walks will take place on Sunday – 3k and 6k – from Cannock Chase Visitor Centre at 10am. To register call 0800 9884640, email fundraise@newlifecharity.co.uk/dogwalk

to www.newlifecharity.co.uk/dogwalk

multi-vote decision at ballot box

A COUNCILLOR has urged residents to bear in mind recent boundary changes when going to vote.

when going to vote.

Councillor Eric Drinkwater said some people may not be aware they are voting in a different ward on May 7 after the Boundary Commission prompted Lichfield District Council to reduce the number of elected members from 56 to 47.

Councillor Drinkwater

Councillor Drinkwater who sits on Burntwood Town and Lichfield District councils, said: "The elec-torate should realise that torate should realise that because there is a General Election on the same day as local elections this year, there is a situation where in some wards there are as many as 10 votes to be cast.

"This comes about by six seats on Lichfield City Council, three seats on the Lichfield District Council and one seat for the parliamentary constituency.
"In Burntwood there is

"In Burntwood there is "In Burntwood there is a situation where there are nine votes to be cast in two wards. This is because there are five seats on Burntwood Town Council, three seats on Lichfield District Council and one parliamentary seat. All of the focus at the moment is on the General Election but people should realise that local elections are just as important." are just as important.

Kevin back at Finning

CANNOCK firm Finning has appointed Kevin Parkes as director of its equipment solutions division.

He is rejoining the company after spending four years as the chief executive officer of hire company Hewden.

In his new role, he will be responsible for sales and service of Caterpillar and Komptech mobile plant and equipment.

Before joining Hewden, he spent 13 years working with Finning in the UK, undertaking various roles in its equipment solutions division.

Owls at meeting

RESCUE owls will be on show at a meeting of the Friends of Etching Hill on March 26. The meeting, which will feature a speakwhich will feature a speak-er talking about owls, is at Etching Hill Church Hall, in Mount Road, Rugeley, start-ing at 7.30pm. Admission is free. Everyone is welcome.

Fundraiser at restaurant

RUGELEY and District Lions Club is in line to benefit from a curry gala night. Shamin Uddin, owner of Rugeley Spice in Market Street, Rugeley, has offered the evening of Thursday, April 2 exclusively for the club to boost its charity funds. He will provide a four-course authentic Bangladeshi meal for £15 a head. Part of the proceeds will be donated to the Lions. Alcoholic drinks are not sold so customers are invited to bring their own drinks. The meal starts at 7.30pm. Availability is limited so booking is essential. Call Rugeley Spice on 01889 584481 and mention 'Rugeley Lions Gala Dinner'. There will also be a free raffle.





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Shops in launch of appeal for eggs

CANNOCK Shopping Centre is asking people to contribute to its Easter Egg

Appeal.
From now until Sunday,
March 29, shoppers are invited to drop off any spare vited to drop off any spare or extra eggs at Farmfoods, 99p Store, Co-op Health-care, Specsavers, Ryman Stationery and Argos. En-ergie Fitness for Women in Hollies Park Road, Can-nock, will also be accepting donations for the appeal.

donations for the appeal.

All eggs will be presented
to the children at Special
Needs Adventure Playground (SNAP) based in
Cannock, in time for Easter.
SNAP has more than 770
children registered to its
charity and Cannock Shopping Centre is encouraging
local residents to donate as
many eggs as possible a

many eggs as possible.
Cannock Shopping Centre
manager Natal Chapman
said: "We are delighted to host this very special appeal within the centre.

"It is an incredible charity and I hope that local residents prove once again just how generous they can be."

now generous they can be.
For more information on
SNAP visit www.snapcannock.co.uk/index.html
To keep up to date with
events at Cannock Shopping Centre log on to www.
cannock-shopping.co.uk

Courses have first aid tips

COURSES run by St John Ambulance that give people that basic skills needed to save a life are being held in Staffordshire next month.

The daytime and evening community first aid courses focus on a range of emer-gency situations involving adults, infants and children.

They will include the vital technique for helping save a baby from choking.

baby from choking.

The courses include Essential First Aid at Rugeley on April 12 from 10am to 12.30pm. Fordetails, call 0121 237 3879, email westmids-training@sja.org.uk or visit www.sja.org.uk

Walkers at ready

CHASE & District Group Ramblers have organised an 8.5-mile easy/moderate walk at Penkridge this Sun-day. Meet at Hednesford railway station car park, in Anglesey Street, for a prompt 9am departure. For details contact walk leader Stan on 01543 459746.

Three jailed over bid to steal high-value cars

ue cars in Stainordsnire and the West Mid-lands was foiled by police.

The case involved four BMW cars sto-len between February 13 and February 27 last year. Osman Khan, aged 23, of Barker Street, Oldbury, previously stood trial at Stafford Crown Court in January, when he was found guilty of conspiring to steal motor vehicles

At the same court on March 6, he was sentenced to 60 months in prison. Kamran Khan, 26, also of Barker Street,

THREE men have been jailed for a total of 14 years after their plot to steal high-value cars in Staffordshire and the West Midule ands was folied by police.

The case involved four BMW cars stolen between February 13 and February 27 last year. Osman Khan, aged 23, of Barker Street Oldbury, merchanism and Mahmood were arrested on following a high-speed chase involving a stolen BMW from Rugeley.

Officers from the Central Motorway Po-Officers from the Central Motorway Po-Officers from the Central Motorway Po-Officers from the Central Motorway Po-

voiving a stoien BMW from Rugeley.
Officers from the Central Motorway Police Group (CMPG) attempted to stop the car on the M6 in Birmingham but it continued along the motorway and then the M5.
Officers were able to intercept it as it attempted to leave the M5 the wrong way up an entry slip road at West Bromwich.

A detailed investigation was carried out by Staffordshire Police's Southern Criminal Statiordsinie Police's Southern Criminal Investigation Department (CID) who were able to gather phone and Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) evidence linking the men to the theft in Rugeley and another in Stafford.

The investigation uncovered evidence that led to the arrest of Kamran's brother, Osman Khan, on March 27, and further inquiries secured ANPR and mobile phone evidence that linked him to the theft of BMWs in Burton and Sutton Coldfield.

Investigating officer Dc Ed Rowe said:

"We believe the group planned these thefts and they were specifically targeting BMW vehicles. However, they underestimated the power of technology.

"ANPR alerted motorway officers and they were able to intercept the vehicle and make these significant arrests which formed the basis of the investigation."

The BMWs were stolen last year from Blakeholme Court, Burton on February 13. Little Sutton Rand Sutton Coldfield

13; Little Sutton Road, Sutton Coldfield, on February 20; Pioneer Way, Stafford, on February 26 and Priory Avenue, Rugeley, on February 27.

Cathedral event

for village pupils

ABBOTS Bromley School will this weekend continue a tradition that began in

a tradition that began in the village in 1882. Each year around 200 girls from the school don veils and cloaks for its Je-rusalem Heights ritual.

In height order they set off from the school sing-ing "Jerusalem, my happy home" while walking to the local church for a com-

memoration service. This year, to round off its This year, to round off its 140th anniversary celebra-tions, the school will stage the service at Lichfield Ca-thedral on Saturday – the birthday of its founder, Nathaniel Woodard.

Church promises a real soup-er time

HOME-MADE soup and desserts are on offer this weekend when a Chase Terrace church opens its doors to the local commu-nity for its Soup-er Satur-day.

Lunches will be available at Chase Terrace Methodist Church in Princess
Street from midday to 2pm.
There will also be a cake

stall, raffle and tombola. Lunches will be £3 each.

Church steward Barbara Bevan said: "There will be the warmest of welcomes to all who join us."

Invitation to a day of readings

HEATH Hayes Spiritualist Church is hosting a day of readings on March 28 from 10am to midday and 1pm

Call or text Judy on 07970 154423 for an appointment, or call in on the day.

There will be free refreshments. The church is situated in the Cabin, at the rear of the car park by Tonic Day Spa in Hednes-ford Road, Heath Hayes.

Mini-market will help raise funds

GREAT Wyrley Wesley Methodist Church is holding a mini-market on Satfrom 10.30am to

midday.

Stalls will include a raffle, bric-a-brac, tombola, groceries, cakes and local crafts. Admission to the event at the church in Wal-sall Road, Great Wyrley, is free. All proceeds will go to church funds.

Store bus service

ARRIVA'S bus service 33 will now serve the New Life Foundation store in Eastern Way, Cannock, up to every 20 minutes up to every 20 minutes daytime and up to every 60 minutes early evening Monday to Saturday.

Care contract with council means up to 50 new jobs

UP to 50 jobs are to be created in Cannock after care provider HaywardCare won a new contract with Cannock Chase Council.

Now, that the firm, based in Pye Green Road, has joined the authority's referrals list, it is looking to recruit more staff. Managing director Carlton Hayward says the firm will need between 20 and 50 extra carers to carry out the work, which could almost triple its workforce.

He said: "This is a big deal
for us and it's good news for
carers looking for a job.

"Social care and health

Social care and heath for the county has gone through reform recently. For the last five years, huge organisations have domi-nated the scene but under the new framework small

the new framework small and medium-care providers are being encouraged to apply for contracts." The business was launched in 2013 as a sister company to Hayward Befriending, set up five years are

It has two assisted living properties, both in Cannock, and will be opening a third in the summer. The com-

in the summer. The company currently has 40 clients on its books.

Mr Hayward, aged 38, said: "We currently have 32 staff, so we will need a lot of extra help.

"We set up with the principle of the principle of

we set up with the principle of personalisation. The old model was about clients fitting in with the provider's way of doing things. We've always been about building

up five years ago. Help

Centre set for grand opening

THE Longford Centre in Cannock is holding a grand opening weekend on Saturday and Sunday when there will be a programme of free family-friendly activities.

Between 10.30am and 3pm on Saturday, there will be a professional face painter plus workshops in dancing, Tai Chi and music. At 4pm there will be a fun family disco, for which there will be a small charge.

On Sunday between 11am and 3pm there will be a variety of family-friendly art and craft activities includ-

riety of family-friendly art and craft activities includ-ing Easter bonnet making and bead work. On both days Stepping Stones Café will be open. Centre manager Ian Bossons said: "It's an amaz-

Bossons said: "It's an amaz-ing new community venue with fantastic facilities. We'd love to welcome you to the Longford Centre during

our opening weekend.
"Come along, take part in the fun activities on offer and find out more about what we can offer the local

community.
"Please call the centre on 01543 571157 if you require more information or specific times for the activities."

Pupils see start of stadium site work



From left, George Bayliss, aged three, Councillor Christine Mitchell, SNAP chairman Bob Heighway, playground worker Lauren Butler, Poppy Elson, two, Jayme-Louise Langley, 10, and Ashley Causer, nine, of Moorhill Primary, Jake Jones, 15, of Hednesford Valley High, Winter Pointon, eight, of Redhill Primary, Councillors Frank Allen and George Adamson

CONTRACTORS Wicksteed Play-

CONTRACTORS Wicksteed Play-grounds have arrived and work has started on the play areas at the Can-nock Stadium site. Representatives from local schools who took part in the consultation of always been about building a package around the client. "If someone normally gets up at 4am, then we will provide a carer to be there then, instead of telling the client 'Sorry, we only do calls between 7am and 10am'."

Mr Hayward said anyone interested in a job with the provider should visit www. haywardcare.org.uk for details. who took part in the consultation of the play area were invited to see the work start. The ceremony was also attended by Special Needs Adventure Playground chairman Bob Heighway. The latest consultation with local schools took place in January and ideas and views from the children

were taken on board by Wicksteed and incorporated into the design of the play area.

The new play area for toddlers and juniors is part of phase one of the project, a £1.3 million investment which will also include a multi-use games area, adventure play area, mountain bike trail, illuminated pathways and cycle trails, car parking, community allotments and the provision of trim trail exercise equipment.

trail exercise equipment.

The design of the play area also in-

corporates the mining history of the area and the previous history of the athletics track. Councillor Christine Mitchell, portfolio leader for culture and sport on Cannock Chase Council, said: "I am delighted to see the contractors on site and work well under tractors on site and work well under way for the play area. The design is

"I look forward to seeing the fin-

ished result."
Work on the play area is set to be complete by the end of next month.



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IN MY VIEW

THREE teenagers have now been arrested and bailed by the Metropolitan Police, after being detained in Turkey on suspicion of plotting terrorist acts in Syria. And how exactly does this make our streets safer?

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SHOULD he stay or should he go? The great Jeremy Clarkson debate seems to divide public opinion like few other matters at the moment.

A million people have so far signed an online petition calling for the former Chronicle motor-

ing writer to be reinstated as the Top Gear frontman.

Meanwhile a YouGov poll of 780 UK adults said that 45 per roo on adults said that 45 per cent believe the purveyor of tweed and faded denim should be sacked over what has been quaintly described as a 'fracas'.

What I can't understand is how any of these people feel they are in a position to pass.

they are in a position to pass judgment. Whether or not Clarkplugment. Whether or not clark-son keeps his job must surely be down to what happened at the hotel on the night in ques-tion, and nothing else taken into consideration. How many of the 45 per cent calling for Clarkson to be sacked, or for that matter

to be sacked, or for that matter the million people who think he's Jack the Lad, have any idea of the events that took place? If Clarkson really did punch a producer in the face, then he's obviously on very thin ice indeed. Nobody, wherever they work, should be allowed to assault a colleague in that way, and it would be hard to see how he could keep his position.

could keep his position.

However, if he didn't punch anybody, then he should be allowed to get on with his job. It is a matter about discipline in the workplace, not an ideological battle between white van men and Guardian readers. and Guardian readers.

If 45 per cent of the popula tion think Clarkson is a loud-mouthed, opinionated oaf, that is fair enough. He probably wouldn't argue with them. But it is not their place to decide wha we can and can't watch on tel-

Top Gear is one of the BBC's most commercially successful programmes, bringing in millions of pounds for the corporation much of which will be spent or the sort of worthy programmes the Clarkson-bashers love.

Look, I don't like Strictly Come Dancing very much, but if peo-ple want to watch it, that is up to them. I won't be starting a petition for Len Goodman to be

sacked.

One aspect to the Clarkson row which seem to have slipped by unnoticed. The BBC reportedly paid nearly £6,000 to stay at the Simonstone Hall Hotel. The venue no doubt also derived assideable lands from business. considerable kudos from having some of the biggest stars on television staying there. Would it really have been too much for someone to have worked a few hours overtime so the Top Gear team could have had a cooked meal when they returned from long day filming?





Film maker and photographer Johnny Magee



Ceramic footballers depict the Christmas Day truce

Artists pitch in to remember truce

A Christmas football game is among the Great War reflections in an exhibition. **TOM OAKLEY** reports

A CERAMIC recreation of the football match played during the Christmas Day Truce in the First World War is being featured in a new travelling exhi-

'Resonance: Reflections on the Great War' showcases two artists own interpretation's of the 1914-18 conflict in Staffordshire through a series of different ceramic pieces

and videos.

These are all inspired by items relating to the First World War from archives and

to the First world war from archives and museums across the county. The exhibition features work from ce-ramicist and printmaker Stephen Dixon as well as film-maker Johnny Magee after the Manchester duo beat a number of other artists to produce the project.

Subbuteo

Some of the pieces include Mr Dixon's interesting take on the 1914 Christmas Day Truce – which recreates the historic event with ceramic football players set out in formation on a Subbuteo mat

Mr Magee scans in original photos, including one of soldiers lined up in Sconeberg, Berlin, and then colours them in to modernise and bring them

life.

The exhibition has started its journey at the Museum of Cannock Chase in Valley Road, Hednesford, and was unveiled by councillor Christine Mitchell, leader for culture & sport, at a special invitation only private view event.

only private view event.
Susan Dalloe, service manager at the museum, said: "I think it's a really engaging project. It's a different take on the Great War in Staffordshire and you

to a very high



Stephen Dixon, who has helped put the exhibition together, with the line-up of ceramic players

out of it.
"People would wonder how contemporary art and the First World War would tie in together but it definitely works and the comments from the public were really good.

"Everyone was very engaged and thoroughly enjoyed it – it's a very powerful exhibition.

'Resonance', which was funded through the Arts Council England's

can really feel the people's story coming Grants for the Arts scheme, will be on the Duke of Cambridge at the end of last show at the Museum of Cannock Chase

show at the Museum of Cannock Chase until April 26.

It will then go on to tour Stafford-shire's other museums including the Potteries Museum and Art Gallery in Stoke and The National Memorial Arboretum in Alrewas, near Lichfield, evolving at each new venue.

A 'Football Remembers' sculpture, a lasting memorial to the famous truce, was unveiled at the memorial site by

To coincide with the exhibition and British Science Week, the Museum of Cannock Chase is holding Engineering Remembrance walks and talks on Satur-

day, March 21 between 11am and 3pm.

They will consist of two lectures and a guided walk, focusing on trench warfare, including how they were built and why miners in the local area played an inte-gral part in the construction of them.

WEEK IN POLITICS

WOULD you take £1,000 from Tony Blair? The former Prime Minister is offering £106,000 to help Labour campaign in its 106

target seats.

And given that the Tories have a lot more money in their coffers, Ed Miliband's party could prob-ably do with every penny it can

et. Labour sends out begging mails everv few days. This emails every few days. This week it resorted to one signed by David Cameron saying how much he loved Labour.
The joke was that it wasn't THE David Cameron but a Scottish are signed.

tish supporter with the same

I can imagine the walls of Brewers Green positively shaking at that one.

But back to Blair and his

campaign funds. UKIP's James Carver calls Tony Blair an 'em-barrassment' and reminds everyone that he was the Prime Minister that took us into Iraq and Afghanistan

and Argnanistan.

He says the donations should have been refused.

He also calls it the 'Blair rich project', which means unless he thought of that one himself there's a spin doctor working for him somewhere who is clearly earning his crust.

Grateful

Labour probably doesn't need to pay too much heed to its opponents on this though. After all, that's what opponents do. They oppose stuff. Where it does need to do a bit of soul search-

need to do a bit of soul search-ing is among its own members. The six constituency Labour parties around here to whom Mr Blair is handing his money – Cannock Chase, Dudley South, Stourbridge, Stafford, Halesow-en and Rowley Regis and Wol-verhampton South West – are all grateful

grateful.
After all, Mr Blair secured three election victories in a row.

Even the 2005 one was a majority of 66 seats. David Cameron and Ed Millband would probably consider 10 a great result in May.

It is also more than Mr Blair needed to do for Labour. He's making millions on the world stage and hardly needs to give two hoots about his old party now. Indeed, to listen to some

now. Indeed, to listen to some party members talk about him, you'd think he was the one who had made Labour unelectable in the 1980s.

Yet for all the things people did not like about him in the end, Labour are within touching distance of returning to government after just a single term in opposition.

Some candidates such as the one in Dundee who rejected the money, however, might feel hypocritical for accepting it if they opposed Mr Blair on Iraq.

And while the £1,000 offered will undoubtedly come in useful for leaflets and other campaign rest

material, the big dilemma is whether it is going to be more hindrance than help.





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John West is fortunate to live

in Sandy Lane, Cannock, which has the quickest broadband in the

UK, according to new figures.
The road enjoys connection speeds of up to 72.86Mbps, allowing a two-hour HD movie to download in eight minutes, and a 20-song album to drop in 22 seconds. The national average is 29 Mbsec.

in 22 seconds. The national average is 22.8Mbps.
But Mr West boasts speeds of up to 74Mbps download and 16.5Mbps up-load – and puts it down to good wiring.
The 61-year-old retired British Telecom engineer carried out the work himself, bringing the connection directly through to his office where the router is sited.

He said: "Most people have it in the hall socket, with extensions to other parts of the house which reduces the

hall socket, with extensions to other parts of the house which reduces the speed. It's all down to correct wiring."
However, not everyone enjoys the same speed living in the same road, despite the figures from uSwitch.com. John Turner, a 33-year-old designer, who has a download speed of 1.59Mbps and a 0.41 upload time, he said: "I'd be quicker going to Blockbuster, if it was still around, to rent a film."
And at The Shoal Hill Tavern in Sandy Lane, barmaid Lisa Dickens said: "Our broadband is a pile of pants. I get faster speeds at home in Chase Terrace. Our customers use it on their phones and they say it's rubbish."
A survey of the UK's quickest average connections shows householders face a postcode lottery, with Stafford-

face a postcode lottery, with Stafford-shire boasting three of the 30 fastest



The best - John West of Cannock has

roads, and the north of England enjoying twice as many speedy streets as the south. Also listed in the top 30 fastest broadband streets was Longacres, also

in Cannock.

The data was collected over six

The data was collected over six months, finding the fastest average connection to be in Sandy Lane, and the UK's slowest speeds in Romney Marsh, near Folkestone.

The data, sourced from a million speed tests done by broadband users, showed wide variations even within the same areas, with Staffordshire also boasting two of the slowest, in Stoke-onTrent and Burton-upon-Trent.

Sandy Lane resident Peter Hill,

Sandy Lane resident Peter Hill, chairman of an IT company, said his



Kirsty Edwards from Rugeley tries to get a signal at the Shoal Hill Tavern

broadband speeds, at 31Mbps down-

broadband speeds, at 31Mpps down-load and 2Mpps upload, were nothing like those claimed by the survey. "It's like buying a new car which boasts a fantastic mileage per gallon - it never turns out to be what they our." be cid he said.

say," he said.

Retired schoolteacher Brian Till, 51, also of Sandy Lane, said: "The connection is all right but I wouldn't say it was high-speed. I download one or two things from iTunes and I'd say 22 seconds was a bit optimistic."

A Department for Culture, Media and Sport spokesman said: "The Government's roll-out of superfast broadband is one of the fastest in the world, and we're on track to reach 95 per cent

and we're on track to reach 95 per cent of the UK by 2017."



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THANK you to the kind people who came to my aid when I had a nasty fall in

when I had a nasty Iall in Rugeley on March 5. I was taken to Stoke Hos-pital and kept in overnight. Thank you Donna and Abi and the young man who called the ambulance.
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Path repairs

AS the district councillor for Hednesford South I agree the footpaths in Hill Street, Hednesford, are like something from the Third World.

I am reliably informed by the county council that they are to repair them in April. GORDON BALL

Cannock Chase Council

Families could be missing out on allowance CONTACT a Family – a national charity that supports UK families with disabled children whatever their disability – is worried that local families could be missing out on a potential £21.55£138.05 extra each week because they wrongly think they're not entitled to Disability Living Allowance (DLA). DLA is the main benefit for disabled children have additional activations in comb by helping to meet the extra each week pedia and carried disabled children have additional charity in comb by helping to meet the extra costs of raising a disabled child like transport, heating, special food and

hard to understand

IT was fantastic to see how the mining memorials have been placed within our area (Chronicle, March 6).

What disappoints me is that the memorial in Cannock was not mentioned but I can see why, as this memorial outside the Express & Star office on the island takes a lot of understanding. It is classed as modern art but I would say that not many recople can understand what it's all about as

that not many people can understand what it's all about as it is not clear in its design. Therefore, how would people in the area and people who visit the area realise we are a mining town if they do not not understand this modern art? The other memorial is the Winding Wheel that was for Littleton Colliery – down Cock Sparrow Lane out of sight at

I cannot understand why this should have not been left in the Littleton Green area on the A34 as it would have been seen by all to remind us of our mining community. PRIVILEGED MINER

the bottom of the hill and now covered by trees.

Modern art can be LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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EMAIL

Letters should be brief and MUST include name, address and telephone number number. The Editor reserves the right to condense letters.

Clubs to blame for errors

VIRTUALLY every week football referees are being condemned for incorrect decisions or missed incidents. Clubs only have themselves to blame for not combining to pres surjse authorities in the game to introduce technology.

Television repeatedly shows instant replays from a variety of angles covering controversial points, and still the Football League/Association bury their heads in the sand. ootball League/Association bury their heads in the sand.

sipped his lead and decided to go walkabout. After asking several peo-ple if they had seen him I began to get anxious. I am disabled and have great dif-ficulty in walking. A girl in her mid to late

A girl in her mid to late teens jogged towards me. In desperation I stopped her and inquired if she had noticed a black and white dog on her travels. "Yes", she replied, "he was sniffing about at the next canal bridge."

I thanked her and made a few steps in that direction in great discomfort.

She noticed my slow movement and surprised me by saying "Do you want me

by saying "Do you want me to get him for you".

What a nice thing to do and what a lovely thoughtful girl. A couple of minutes let a character with the later she appeared with the 'offender' trotting obedi-

ently by her side.
To that young lady, I would like to say thank you you are wonderful.

ROBERT WESTWORTH

returning to work. In a household budget the cost of child-care can effectively prevent women returning to work be-

care can effectively prevent women returning to work because it does not pay.

When my children were of pre-school age the cost of childcare was the highest monthly bill by far. This is why Labour has made childcare a priority.

We need to tackle the cost of living crisis that mums and dads face and make going to work financially worthwhile.

That's why, if we win, working parents will get extra help – 25 hours of free childcare each week for three- and four-year-olds. We need to make sure that work pays.

That means having a tax and benefit system that doesn't punish mums who decide to work.

punish mums who decide to work.

JANOS TOTH

Labour Parliamentary Candidate, Cannock Chase

No political party can solve NHS problems

THOSE who go into the centre of Cannock are greeted with a large red poster with a smiling Janos Toth and the words 'Only Labour will save the NHS'.

Does Mr Toth not remember which party was responsible for the chaos at Stafford Hospital, the bureaucratic bosses, and the way staff treated patients?

The NHS is so large and complex that it is a nightmare for any government to control. No party can honestly claim to be able to solve all its problems. Any politician who claims to do so, as Cameron did at the last election, is either stupid, or he thinks we are stupid. Which is it, Mr Toth?

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Manos TOTH for Cannock Chase



hind the likes of Wallace and Gromit and Shaun the Sheep.

Jim Parkyn, from Aardman Animations, shared his creative magic with pupils at a school in

magic with pupils at a school in Burntwood.

Mr Parkyn's visit to Chase Terrace Primary School was arranged to coincide with Red Nose Day. It was made possible after pupil Bradley Witcomb found a gold painted red nose in a school-organised sale of the noses.

The school was given 300 red noses to raise money for Red Nose Day, which they did last week, generating more than \$500.

Headteacher Gordon McBurnie, said: "The children have really enjoyed the whole day. We have had workshops for all the pupils from reception right through to Year 6 and they got to see the special Morf video before anyone else.

Winning

"It has been a fantastic experience for the kids and we might have a few future animators in the school now. "It was especially nice to have our very own 'Charlie Bucket' winning the golden ticket." Mr Parkyn's team is also behind Morf and has been involved in films such as Chicken Run and Pirates! Band of Misfits.

As part of his visit, the pupils got an early viewing of a new Aardman

an early viewing of a new Aardman animated film before it was screened on television in the afternoon. The youngsters also enjoyed workshops with the talented crafts people and got the chance to make their own Morf.

Pupils in the house leaders group had been organising the fundraising activities in the last week including inviting parents to send in 'selfies' of themselves and their children wear-ing red noses. Representatives from



Golden nose winner Bradley Witcomb, aged seven, with Jim Parkyn



Six hundred pupils spell out the initials of Staffordshire University Academy

Comic Relief also enjoyed the day with the pupils. Out of thousands of red noses sent out to places throughout the country only 12 were gold and only one was allocated for a school.

one was allocated for a school.
Meanwhile, staff and students at
Staffordshire University Academy
raised £917 for Comic Relief. Fundraising events at the Hednesford
school included a non-uniform day,
stalls, games, karaoke, making faces

funny for money and 'sponge the teacher', all chosen by the Academy

teacher', all chosen by the Academy Student Council.

At the end of Red Nose Day, the whole school went outside for a photograph to celebrate their achievements.

Acadeny principal Rowena Hillier said: "This is the largest amount of money the Academy has ever raised and it just shows what great things young people can achieve."



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Village awaits Broadchurch effect



Scandal - Martin Clunes, left, as Arthur and Arsher Ali as George in the television drama

TELEVISION drama Arthur and George could have a Broadchurch-like effect on Great Wyrley – causing hundreds of eager visitors to see the sites of the notorious horse maimings.

That is according to Paul Ridgway, whose late grandfather Roland Ridgway documented the Great Wyrley scandal more than 60 wars before the

way documented the Great Wyrley scandal more than 60 years before the release of Julian Barnes's book which inspired the ITV drama.

Paul said: "If you had gone to West Bay in Dorset, where Broadchurch is based, six or seven years ago you would have seen a tiny fishing village with a cafe and maybe a hotel.

"But now you can't move because of how many visitors are there because of Broadchurch."

The 47-year-old said he was glad.

The 47-year-old said he was glad to see the village where he was born and bred back in the spotlight but was

eager to point out that Barnes was not the only person to chronicle the horse mainings of the early 1900s.

maimings of the early 1900s.

His grandfather had already spent most of the 1940s speaking to people who were living in Great Wyrley when the mystery unfolded and recorded everything. But the prohibitive cost of printing at the time and the fact the local historian was still researching right up to his death in 1993 meant he never saw his findings put into print. Paul said: "My granddad would have loved it because it puts Cheslyn Hay and Great Wyrley on the map.

"He was fiercely loyal to Cheslyn Hay, he lived all of his life there until moving into sheltered accommodation,

moving into sheltered accommodation, and even then he maintained a massive interest. Even the first line of the programme which says 'In a field in Great Wyrley . . . ' would have pleased him."



Roland Ridgway - 'loyal'

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WORK on flood defences to protect more than 100 homes and pave the way for furegeneration in Rugeley could start next year.
Plans outlining the scheme, in-

cluding artist's impressions, went on display at the town's leisure centre, with residents being asked

centre, with residents being asked for their views.

The project involves building a 1,082ft-long and 9ft-high embankment along Western Springs Road to safeguard homes and businesses. It will cost up to £2 million.

It is hoped that funding can be secured from the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) and the Local Enterprise Partnership.

Plans

The scheme, which is being carried out in a partnership between the Environment Agency, Cannock Chase Council and Staffordshire County Council, will also attract new businesses to the town leading to the creation of 330 jobs.

Will Groves, Environment Agency flood risk adviser, said: "We started drawing up these plans in July. We had to understand the flood risk. "We are now asking people to give

"We are now asking people to give their thoughts on the design. The next step will be to secure the money. It is going to cost between £1.5m and £2m.

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"We are hoping to do this in 2016 but it will be down to securing funding."

Council bosses say that protecting sites at risk from flooding will mean that business, leisure and housing development can take place in previously avoided areas.

avoided areas.
Stan Deakin, aged 78, of Hagley
Drive, Rugeley, said: "The idea seems



Flood risk adviser Will Groves, left, with Carol and Stan Deakin of Rugeley



The flood defences will be built alongside this field to protect homes

to be relatively sound. I live nearby so

"It's difficult to predict how bad it will get, so I can see they have to plan ahead."

ahead."
Councillor Ray Jones, who represents Etching Hill and the Heath, said:
"The potential of flooding is preventing improvements in the town centre.
"Until this scheme is done it is putting the development of the town on

hold. This will be good for the area

hold. This will be good for the area but the scheme also needs to incorporate repairing the collapsed bridge on Rising Brook so there are not further flooding problems."

Ian Jackson, Liberal Democrat parliamentary candidate for Cannock Chase, welcomed the scheme, but added: "I think they should take it further to reduce the potential for flooding even more."



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Making a clean break with winter



Pat Sherwin, left, Chris Potts and Sheila Young take a break from their spring cleaning

HOUSE-PROUD residents in Penkridge have been getting busy with mops, brooms and dusters after being inspired by National Spring Cleaning Week.

South Staffordshire Housing Association (SSHA) tenants Chris Potts, Pat Sherwin and Sheila Young joined forces to carry out a spring clean of their neighbouring houses in Boscomoor Road. The tidy-minded trio polished, scrubbed

and swept their homes to clean away the winter cobwebs and get ready for the warmer weather ahead.

Neelam Samra, housing services manager at SSHA, said: "We think National Spring Cleaning Week is a great focus for cleaning and tidying our communities, and we congratulate Chris, Pat and Sheila for setting such a great example."

pprentices are honoured



Megan Boards

es from Staffordshire have been recognised for their contributions

to business.

The Apprenticeship Recognition Awards, which coincided with National Apprenticeship Week, were held at the Kingston Centre, in Stafford. They gave appren-

tices, employers and learning providers the chance to cele-brate their successes. Megan Boards, aged 21, from Cannock, who works for Lichfield District Council in the building and land con-trol department, said: "Young people should consider an ap-prenticeship because it will get them into work, learn new skills and build their confi-

are now in their fourth year, are organised by the Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Local Enterprise Partnership

(LEP).

Ken Stepney from the LEP, who presented the young people with their awards, said he was very proud of the apprentices and what they have achieved for their companies.



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Praise for Memorial Arboretum

A NEW survey shows high levels of appreciation and loyalty among visitors to the National Memorial Arboretum. The Arboretum, which is part of The Royal British Legion family of charties where around the second of the second of

ish Legion family of charities, welcomes around 300,000 people to its national centre for Remembrance every year.

Ninety seven per cent of the 298 respondents to the survey, which was conducted face-to-face and online, said they were 'very likely' to recommend it to their friends. Over two thirds (69 per cent) also added that they were 'very likely' to return within the next year.

Pupils' joy as school welcomes royal visitor

ness suite and music and arts classrooms at the school near Lichfield.

A commemorative plaque marking the visit was unveiled and the school presented their royal visitor with a drawing of the building, made by purile

made by pupils.

Matt Storey, executive principal at Longdon Hall, said: "We were delighted to welcome HRH The Duke of Gloucester into the school." Longdon Hall provides specialist day ed-ucation for youngsters aged between seven and 18 including children in care who have social, emotional and behavioural difficulties.

Meanwhile, the multi-million pound restoration of Lichfield Ca-thedral was given the seal of ap-

PUPILS and staff at Longdon Hall school received a visit from the Duke of Gloucester. He visited the new science lab, fit-He visited the new science lab, fit-He had visited the cathedral when the work started and continued to show an interest in the scheme.

show an interest in the scheme.
He returned to Lichfield for a service to re-dedicate the east end of
the building and celebrate the fiveyear project that saw the removal,
conservation and re-installation of
the famous Herkenrode Glass.
More than 700 guests were invited to the event and Lichfield Cathodral geon until Each all Holder

vited to the event and Lichfield Cathedral School pupils Isabella Holder and Ranulf Prentis presented the special visitor with a gift of a collage of images.

The Very Rev Adrian Dorber, Dean of Lichfield, said: "It was a very fitting celebration marking the end of a significant chapter in cathedral history."



The Duke of Gloucester takes part in a science lesson

£336k boost for plans to restore old canal

AN ambitious project to restore a disused canal in Staffordshire has been given a massive boost after being awarded £336,000.

The grant means that the section of the being fear The

of the Lichfield Canal from The of the Lichfield Canal from The Boat Inn on Walsall Road, Lich-field, to Barracks Lane just west of the aqueduct over the M6 Toll near Brownhills will be open to the pub-lic for the first time since the canal was abandoned in the 1950s. When the work to restore the Heritage Towpath Trail is com-pleted, it is hoped to have the ca-rall's Surpushill costion as it.

pleted, it is hoped to have the ca-nal's Summerhill section, as it is known, in water within a relatively short time. Awarded by the Social Investment Business (SIB), the grant enables Lichfield and Hath-erton Canals Restoration Trust to purchase two areas of land, con-struct a new culvert over Crane

Brook, Lichfield, to replace the one demolished during motorway con-struction in 2001, remove 60 years of natural growth and lay down a

of natural growth and lay down a public footpath which will connect across the aqueduct.

A condition of the grant is that the funds must be spent in the current financial year so feverish activity to tie up the land deals, sign off contracts, and confirm adherence to planning regulations have taken place in a very short space of time.

Volunteers have already been at work cutting down trees and clear-

work cutting down trees and clearing scrub from the Walsall Road end of the section, while contractors are clearing the aqueduct and culvert

Trust chairman Brian Kingshott said: "These are exciting plans to establish the Heritage Towpath Trail over this whole section."





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Teenager gets a-head in fundraising



senior stylist Helen Mund from Eden Hair in Heath Hayes gets to work on Caitlin Tsang's long locks

A TEENAGER had her long locks chopped off to raise money for a school trip to Cuba next year.
Caitlin Tsang's hair reached down to her waist but she had sin cut off. She is donating the hair to the Little Princess Trust which provides real-hair wigs to boys and girls across the UK and Ireland who have lost their hair through cancer treatment.
And the money raised through sponsorship – around £200 – will go towards paying for an ecological trip she is going on with her school to Cuba. Caitlin said: "I was happy to have my hair cut off to help me raise money.
"My hair looks really different but I'll get used to it." While in



Caitlin is donating some of her hair to a charity



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Catfish singer reveals origin of name



Soon to rock a full house in Brum, Catfish and the Bottlemen, whose name was inspired by an Australian busker

YOUNG Welsh garage rockers Catfish and the Bottlemen have sold out their gig in Birmingham this month. A full house is guaranteed at The Institute in Digbeth on Saturday, March 28, when the four-piece from Llandudno will be playing their furious but melodic guitar rock, as heard on hit debut album The Balcony.

Singer and guitarist Van McCann has revealed where the

inspiration for the band's strange name came from. It goes

back to his childhood in Australia, where his Liverpudlian

back to his childhood in Australia, where his Liverpudlian parents were travelling.

"My first memory of music is being sat outside a cafe watching a guy play a washing line with bottles on it. He was called Catfish the Bottleman. So I thought it was apt to name the band after him... I really wish I hadn't. Try telling a drunk guy that name for the fifteenth time."

They release new single Homesick on April 13.

on the road

COMEDY duo Vic Reeves and Bob Mor-timer are bringing of Reeves & Mortimer and altimer are bringing their first tour in 20

years tour in 20 years to Birmingham.

The pair who built on the legacy of Monty Python and Spike Milligan to reinvent surrealist comedy in the 1990s are still pushing the boundaries with their subver-

of Reeves & Mortimer and al-ternative quiz show Shooting Stars helped change the face of comedy. Meanwhile, Vic's crooning took him to the top of the charts singing Dizzy with Black Country band The Wonder Stuff in 1991. That was the same year Vic and

Bob hosted The Wonder Stuff concert at Bescot Stadium. New show 25 Years of Reeves & Mortimer: The Poignant Years will be staged at Birmingham Symphony Hall on November 20 with an extra date at the Barclaycard Arena announced for No-vember 23. Bob added: "Be warned, I will be not be wearwarned, I will be not be wear-ing a toupé."









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The singer/songwriter was born in Coventry to Irish parents and at the centre of McMahon's thoughts in some of the songs. such as the opener Imagined Na-

tion, is the question of identity.

McMahon has a real honesty to his singing and uses the sounds of country, folk and busking to get his songs

across.

There are lighter tunes like My Beautiful Broken Guitar and at the heart of the disc is Inbetweenland which talks of "being neither one thing nor the other".

This album is a chance to look at the world through McMahon's eyes.

Dan Walsh

Incidents & Accidents

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Stafford's own banjo virtuoso is
doing the unthinkable on the unlikeable – making the banjo cool.
Walsh is well known for playing
with the Urban Folk Quartet, Level-

with the Urban Folk Quartet, Lévej-lers and Seth Lakeman among many other of the biggest names in folk but here he is going it pretty much solo and stripped back, with just him and his five-string.

The menu is packed with gritty blues in Time To Stay and folk in tracks such as Lost Rambler but most fascinating of all is Whiplash Reel an Indian-style raga which should be more at home on a sitar but Walsh pulls it off. Incidents & Accidents is out now on Rooksmere Records. out now on Rooksmere Records.

Tom Kitching

Interloper
This is not an album for the lily-livered, it's a full-on, full-bodied collection of tunes



West Midlands-born Rich McMahon sings of searching for identity

Tom Kitching's fiddle playing is hearty, precise, gritty and at times al-most contradictory in its subtlety, and anyone who thinks English traditional music is festooned in cobwebs need only listen to Interloper once to clear the sinuses

Kitching fish hooks the listener's ear with opener Rufty Tufty while La Rotta has a funkier opening before the fiddler comes screeching in like a div-

ing hawk.
It's an album filled with fiddle playing that's precise, meaty and shows just how much you can get out of some slivers of wood, four strings and a horse's tail when you have the talent to make it sing.

Various artists

Various artists
Femmes Fatales
Folk legend Peggy Seeger kicks off
fis second of the Femmes Fatales
albums from the burgeoning stable
which Folkstock Records have created.
There is also the childlike voice of
Roxanne De Bastion in Butterfly who

gives way to the bolder sound of Zoe Wren's A Moment's Madness.

Marina Florance's The Path He Chose will be responsible for many tear-filled eyes, and Minnie Birch is a danger to sailors with her gorgeous, malten these molten chocolate voice.

molten chocolate voice.
With the sultry and smoky sound
of Kaity Rae; Folkstock veteran Kelly
Oliver; the highly-refined voice of
Daria Kulesh's Fake Wonderland; Maz
O'Connor's The Mississippi Woman
and going out with Fay Brotherhood's
Blue Spiral Screams, there isn't a
weak track on this album.
Katzenjammer

weak track on this album.

Katzenjammer
Rockland
It's inevitable Katzenjammer will
be compared with neighbours First
Aid Kit however, the quartet of Marianne Sveen, Turid J. Honerud, Solveig
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Firework deaths firm goes into liquidation

fireworks tragedy took place, killing two men from Hednesford, has gone into liquidation, it has emerged.

Stafford Plastics Ltd, the firm behind SP Plastics, has been dissolved. According to Companies House, it has gone into liquidation. The blaze broke out at SP Plastics in Baswich, in October 2014. Stewart Staples was a customer and inside the

building at the time when the massive blaze broke out, and worker Simon Hillier also died.

Mr Hillier, aged 41, from Mountside Street, Hednes-ford and father-of-three, Mr

Staples, 57, were identified by DNA after their bodies were recovered from the af-termath of the blaze at the premises on Baswich Lane Industrial Estate. Police are still investigat-

Police are still investigating the cause of the blaze.
After the tragedy, the family of Mr Staples, a worker at Staffordshire County Council, said he was a devoted family man with a wife, three children and a young grandson. He lived in Bond Way, Hednesford. He worked for Staffordshire County Council Highways Department for 26

ways Department for 26 years. He was also a keen golfer and Walsall FC sup-

porter.
Mr Hillier was described

Mr Hiller was described as a 'fantastic son and brother and a terrific dad' by his close relatives. He had been a talented kickboxer and trained youngsters at Featherstone Kickboxing Club.

Smoke

Around 50 firefighters tackled the blaze at SP Plas-

tics.
Hundreds of rockets were sent exploding into the sky above the industrial unit near Stafford town centre, and thick black smoke could

and thick black smoke could be seen for miles.

Most of the warehouse was completely destroyed in the fire and since then has been fully demolished. Metal fencing now sur-rounds the empty site.

After the fire, the police asked people not to use any fireworks they bought from the factory and tests were carried out.

Councillor John Francis,

carried out.
Councillor John Francis,
who represents Weeping
Cross on Stafford Borough
Council, said: "I hadn't
heard that the firm had
gone into liquidation.
"I know after the fire it

never reopened at that site," he added.

"It was a good company as well and had a good reputa-tion locally.

"It hadn't been there all

that long, maybe five or six

years.
"It's a tragedy what hap-pened there and we still





Stewart Staples



Smoke during the inferno

don't know what caused the fire.

"Maybe we will never know. It's very sad," Coun-ciollor Francis said.

"We lost a valued member of the county council team in that fire."

The charred building was reduced to rubble after the

blaze.
Today, metal fencing surrounds the land where the warehouse used to stand.
Piles of rubble and skips filled with debris are all that is visible on the other side of the fencing.
The company did not reopen following the fire on

open following the fire on October 30.

No-one at at Stafford Plastics Lt was available to comment.

Three new members

GUEST at the last meeting was Tony Winfield who showed beautiful slides to music. The vote of thanks was given by Jan Anderson. Grace was said by Sheila Burns. New member Margaret Thompson was welcomed and three new members will be joining next month.

Guests are allowed to visit – there were five at the last

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- there were nive at the last meeting. Ladies are welcome if they are over the age of 50 and re-tired or semi-retired. Mem-bers have lunch followed by a talk or demonstration by an invited speaker. Addi-tionally, there are days out, craft classes and the club is

craft classes and the club is just about to start a group for short walks. April's speakers will be three Walsall Academy stu-dents talking about their planned Ethiopia 2016 Ex-pedition. They will be work-ing with Bale Beauty charity and will show a film about their trip. They have to raise the money for this event so any donations are welcome. any donations are welcome.

The boys are available to talk to other groups. Call 01922 693981.

May 7 is the date for the Annual Lunch at Chase Golf

Annual Lunch at Chase Golf Club, the cost is £18.50 for lunch and entertainment by Chris Priest who has been invited to perform magic for The Queen and invited dignitaries at Buckingham Palace.
Meetings are at The Chase Golf Club, Pottal Pool, at noon on the first Thursday in each month.Call 01543 505107 for more details.

The Chase

Group working to set to join tackle exploitation



Members of SI Cannock & District celebrate International Women's Day

Members of Sl Cannock & District c.

TO mark International Women's Day Soroptimists in the Midland Chase Region did their bit to highlight issues affecting women the world over.

On March 7, in a session entitled Modern Day Slavery, DC Michelle Lane of the Sex Offences Team spoke about the things they face every day, of some of the difficulties in prosecuting the perpetrators and of the successes when women are taken from a life of slavery, drug abuse and prostitution they may have been subjected to.

may have been subjected to.
West Midlands Police works closely with Hope for Justice, a charitable organisation which provides safe houses and which is now providing training within large compa-

SI Cannock & District

nies in the UK to enable them to recognise the signs of those in forced labour.

SI Cannock gave an overview of the work done over the last four years around trafficking and child sexual exploitation.

The afternoon session, 'Women and Heart Disease', was led by consultant cardiologist Dr Jane Flint Bridgewater. She warned women to quard sorient cardiovasquar discovered. women to guard against cardiovascular disease. One in three will die of this and three times as many women will die from heart disease than from breast cancer.

Cheque towards kidney research

AT the February guild meeting, members listened to a very informative talk by Janet Taylor on behalf of Kidney Research.

Hednesford 'A' TG

AGM is being hel next guild meeting.

It was very interesting to hear of her personal ex-periences which led to her involvement with the re-

A cheque for £250 was presented by the guild to help with this research. The

AGM is being held at the next guild meeting. Members will also be rais-

memoers will also be raising money for the Heart Foundation by wearing red clothes and the sales table and raffle prizes will be showing red items.

The Luncheon Club was held at The White Hart in

Cannock. Fourteen members attended and every-one enjoyed the company and food. Several members treated themselves to an 'all day breakfast'.

The next luncheon Club meeting is at Old Wyrley-Hall.

Guild meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 2pm at St Peter's Church Hall, Hednesford.



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HS2 campaigners risk breaking law with new posters

CAMPAIGNERS against the £50 billion HS2 project have launched

not.
"As such, saying HS2 should be cancelled in the run-up to the election will be interpreted as tacitly advocating voting for those parties.

Policies

"However, with so many small voluntary groups involved in the campaign, trying to determine what is regulated expenditure and collating it all within three months would be an impossible task," Mr Rukin added

would be an impossible task," Mr Rukin added.
"You would think that not only it should be the democratic right of anyone to express how they feel about specific policies and political parties, but also that these rights should be even more important in the run-up to an election.
"However, the Gagging Act means the reverse is true.

reverse is true.

reverse is true. "Because many of our supporters wish to make the statement that they won't vote for any party that supports HS2, the costs of any publicity, meetings, travel and press conferences aimed at that end are supposed to be collated and reported to the Electoral Commission three months after the election," Mr Rukin said.

CAMPAIGNERS against the £50 billion HS2 project have launched a pre-election fight – but admit they may be breaking the law. The Stop HS2 group is distributing posters and window stickers with the message 'We won't vote for any party that supports HS2'. But bosses think it will fall foul of the 'gagging act' controlling election publicity. They say they have to take action to turn candidates against the development, which would cut through swathes of the Staffordshire countryside. Under the Transparency of Lobbying, Non-Party Campaigning and Trade Union Administration Act 2014, campaigners have to provide figures for money spent that could be intended to affect an election.

Stop HS2 campaign manager Joe Rukin said: "There is no question that continuing to campaign against HS2 in the run-up to the General Election will fall foul of this act, as whilst the three main Westminster parties support HS2, the Green Party, UKIP and the National Health Action Party do not.

"Acres of exemple with the sample of the Staffordshire countryside."

We won't vote for any party that supports HS2

One of the posters produced by Stop HS2

"With three national groups and over 100 "With three national groups and over 100 local actions groups campaigning against HS2, along with countless residents associations, parish councils and other bodies, the idea that all spending could be identified and collated within three months is completely laughable."

It comes after the project's top engineer said HS2 trains will never be late and passengers will be guaranteed a seat. Andrew McNaughton also warned that direct train services to London could be lost from the Black Country unless council bosses can prove they are needed.

Former football stars kick off quiz

Former football stars Phil Parkes, Ken McNaught and Joe Mayo were on hand to toast the launch of a sports quiz where the winners will win free beer for a year.
Villa's European Cup winner McNaught, former Wolves fans' favourite Parkes and popular ex-Albion striker Mayo were joined by Sky Sports commentator Nigel Pearson at the Gatehouse Hungry Horse in Wolverhampton to kick off the competition organised by brewery giants Greene King.

Former football stars Phil Parkes, Ken fcNaught and Joe Mayo were on hand to bast the launch of a sports quiz where the inners will win free beer for a year. Villa's European Cup winner McNaught, but it is supply a serious properties of the serious properties of the winning team of four from each venue will go forward to play in regional heats and then on to a grand final where the overall then on to a grand final where the overall venue will win a year's supply a 365 bottles – of Greene King IPA.

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Drug lord deserved much longer sentence — judge

Charles hosts sale



Charles Hanson auctioning the signed Walsall shirt

CELEBRITY auctioneer Charles Hanson helped a Cannock church raise more than £1,100 when he hosted a charity sale. Saint Luke's is celebrating its 900th anniversary with a festival of events taking place throughout 2015.

sary with a lestival of events taking place throughout 2015. The TV antiques expert, known for his appearances on BBC's Bargain Hunt, staged the charity auction at the Barns Hotel in Cock Sparrow Lane, Cannock.

Twelve items went under the hammer on the night. In what could have been considered a local derby, the Saddlers beat the Villains as a signed Walsall FC shirt sold for £75 while a signed Aston Villa European Cup shirt fetched £55. A total of £1,125 was raised for the Saint Luke 900 fund by the auction, with 20 per cent going to Charles Hanson's adorted charity. Sands the assections for crillbirth and

adopted charity, Sands, the association for stillbirth and

A MUCH longer prison sentence for drug lord John Anslow 'would have been amply justified', a top judge has said.

Anslow was handed a seven-year sentence for a daring escape from custody, after which he fled to

months.

He was planning to appeal against the conviction and sentence for escaping, but dramatically abandoned his appeal ahead of a planned hearing. One of his accomplices, Stuart Reid, went ahead with his appeal bid, but this was dismissed by the lord chief justice, Lord Thomas, at the Court of Appeal in London.

Violent

man Richard Deakin.

Lord Thomas, the country's most senior judge, said

Anslow had 'abandoned' his

Anslow had abandoned his case a few days ago but did not reveal why.

The hearing continued as accomplice Reid, 53, attempted to clear his name.

Reid had been involved in



John Anslow - escape

Anslow from a van as it left HMP Hewell, near Red-ditch, Worcestershire, in January 2012. While on the run, Anslow was handed a 22-year sen-tence for conspiring to supply drugs. He was recap-tured in early 2013 and later that year pleaded guilty at Woolwich Crown Court to the escape. In March 2014 he was cleared of the mur-der of Cannock business-man Richard Deakin.

A vehicle barred the way of the van and men carry-ing a sledgehammer and shotgun forced the guards to let Anslow free. Evidence suggested Reid, of Coventry,

suggested Reid, of Coventry, was also involved in helping Anslow get out of the UK.

Lord Thomas dismissed Reid's conviction appeal bid and said his six-year sentence – and the seven-and-a-half years given to Anslow – were, if anything, too short.

too short.

"A very much longer sentence on both Reid and Anslow would have been amply justified," he said.



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Kingsmead School graded Good by Ofsted as Academy proposal is approved

fsted inspectors visited Kingsmead School in Hednesford and have judged the school to be good in all of the areas inspected. The team of five inspectors visited the school on 25th and 26th February.

During the inspection they observed 45 lessons (in which they observed teaching, learning and behaviour, reviewed students' work and talked to students) and an assembly. They walked the corridors and visited all areas of the school including the dining room to help them form their judgements about our school. They analysed questionnaires from parents, and staff, interviewed four groups of students, analysed data and registers and interviewed governors, middle leaders and senior staff.



The report praises the quality of teaching, saying "The quality of teaching is good and much is outstanding. Students greatly value the extra help and support that teachers provide for them." They noted the expertise of the teachers in providing for all abilities of students saying "Most teachers use assessment information well to plan work of the right level so that students do not find the work too easy or too difficult. This often includes a special challenge to stretch the most able students. Students are frequently given the opportunity to choose their level of challenge, however teachers are quick to guide students to the task that will stretch them most."

The inspectors were also impressed by the attitudes of the students, reporting that "Students behave well in lessons" and are polite and courteous to adults. They are keen to do well and show great enthusiasm for their learning." They were complimentary about the promotion of high expectations in the school noting "The headteacher has established his high expectations of both teachers and students through the introduction of the 'Kingsmead learner' to promote positive attitudes to learning. This has contributed to an increased willingness of students to respond to staff feedback, to accept challenges and to take risks in their learning in order to develop resilience."



Since September, Ofsted has returned to grading the quality of sixth form provision separately in reports and the sixth form provision at Kingsmead was graded good with inspectors stating "Students speak very positively about the feedback they receive on their work. Students show strong engagement in their learning, showing enthusiasm to research the topics they are studying and contribute their ideas. They appreciate their teachers' good subject knowledge and the passion they show for their subjects. Teachers provide appropriate challenge for the most able students."

The inspection comes after the close of a period of consultation about whether Kingsmead should become an academy as part of the John Taylor Multi-Academy Trust and the school's application to convert to academy status. On Friday 13th

March the school received approval from the Department for Education to convert to academy status and expects to JTMAT later in the year.

The Headteacher, Ian Bryant, was delighted, both with the Ofsted judgements and the approval of the academy application. "We are very excited to receive two such very good pieces of news in close succession. It is great to have Ofsted recognise that we are a good school which is providing a high quality education for all of our students. I am very proud to be the Headteacher of Kingsmead School and I would like to thank the staff, parents, governors and especially all our students who helped the school to achieve this wonderful result. He added, "We look forward to an exciting partnership with John Taylor High School which we hope will help us to continue to move towards being an outstanding school in the future.





"Warm relationships between teachers and students are evident." Ofsted 2015 "The quality of teaching is good and much is outstanding." Ofsted 2015

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Scheme celebrates first anniversary



Celebrating are, from left, Amanda Newbold, Richard Williams, Amanda Milling and Amy Preece

Milling, attended an event to celebrate the first anniversary of Talent Match Staffordshire.

The lottery-funded scheme was created to enable young people to find work.

She said: 'It was a real privilege to meet with the team behind Talent Match.

"Their bard work and commitment is really paying off.

Their hard work and commitment is really paying off,

THE Conservative candidate in Cannock Chase, Amanda Milling, attended an event to celebrate the first anniversary of Talent Match Staffordshire.

The lottery-funded scheme was created to enable young people to find work.

and it's great to hear so many success stories from the last year. Skills schemes such as this one should be recognised for the fantastic work they do, making sure that the young people of Cannock Chase have the tools they need to get on in life.'

The scheme helps young people who have been unable to get into employment and gives training, placements and guidance and has had a very successful first year.

Greens choose candid



Paul Woodhead

chosen a candidate to contest the Cannock Chase seat.

Paul Woodhead from Hednesford will stand in the constituency where both the Tories and Labour have sent some of their biggest names on the campaign trail. The seat went from Labour

with the biggest swing in the table future with an econ country and is a crucial batthat works for everyone. tleground between them.

Mr Woodhead has been an

environmental industry professional for 25 years.

He said: "I am determined to work tirelessly for the priorities of Cannock Chase to deliver an end to the failed austerity experiment and

table future with an economy

"Cannock Chase has been declared as a target seat for the old and tired Westminster parties who are shipping po-litical heavyweights into our towns in a desperate attempt to curry favour and convince residents that that they care about Cannock Chase."



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Couple face eviction for assault on gas worker

lieved was an intruder in his home in Cannock is facing eviction.

Geoff Jones admits he 'put one on' the engineer

David Yates from PH Jones, who called at his house in Warren Close. Jones, aged 59, was fined £100 and ordered to pay £200 in compensation to Mr Yates, who went there on behalf of Cannock Chase Council. Jones says he has also been told he and his wife Carol will be evicted from

Carol will be evicted from their home of 35 years following the attack on January 23. However, Jones has defended his actions. He says Mr Yates, who called at the house at 8.30am, had no visible identification and did not park his van in view.

He also says the council did not inform him or his wife that anyone was coming out. He said: "I thought he was an intruder.

Struggles

"A couple of years ago my mother got duped by two people. While one spoke to her at the door the other was rifling through the house and got away with £750. That is always in the back of my mind."

back of my mind."

Eight years ago, Jones suffered a brain haemorrhage and has had to live with various health issues. He says he struggles to sleep and has high levels of anxi-

and has high levels of anxiety. At a hearing at Cannock Magistrates Court, he admitted assaulting Mr Yates. Mr Paul Lamb, defending, said Jones claimed that Mr Yates stepped in the house after his wife opened the door. Jones then pushed Mr Yates from the property before purching him in erty before punching him in the face. After the hearing, Jones said: "He came to the door. I didn't know who he

was. I thought he was an intruder. he tried to cross the threshold so I put two hands on his chest and pushed him back. He lunged forward so I put one on him."

put one on him."

He was handed a 12-month community order, which includes supervision by the probation service, fined, and told to pay £85 costs and a £60 victim surcharge. Jones said Cannock Chase Council told him the assault breached his tenancy agreement, although he disputes ever signing such a document.

A letter to the counter

such a document.

A letter to the couple, sent by the council, said the tenancy agreement states that the tenants agree not to threaten, intimidate, harass, cause alarm or distress or carry out any violent act against council employees, agents or contractors. agents or contractors.

agents or contractors.

It said: "The council is currently investigating the matter in conjunction with the police and are in a position to seek legal action to recover possession of your home because of this incident." Council spokesman Darren Edwards said: "The matter is currently "The matter is currently under investigation and the council is deciding on what course of action is going to be taken."

Lion hunt in the **Chase squares**

A 'LION HUNT' is being organised for the Birches Valley and Marquis Drive area of Cannock Chase.

The searchers will be members of the Staffordshire Search and Rescue Team (SSART) and the 'lions' in question will be members of Rugeley and District Lions Club who are assisting the SSART on one of their regular training days.

Apart from providing training for SSART, the didea is to make people more aware of the two clubs and their activities and, hopefully, attract potential mem-

fully, attract potential members to the organisations.

There will also be a fun

lised has been divided into squares, and raffle tickets representing the numbered squares will be sold.

squares will be sold.

It is intended that five members of the Lions club will hide and when found their position will be determined by GPS so that the square can be correctly identified.

The owners of the appropriate raffle tickets will then win a prize based on the order that they were found. It is also hoped that local outdoor groups will join in with displays and games.

The event is planned for

The event is planned for June 13, subject to Forestry Commission consent.





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L/Cpl Connolly with his wife, Lillian, during the Great War

The postcard from Major General Thwaites, mentioning the medic's conspicuous bravery medic was prid

137th Staffordshire Brigade made a vital and momentous contribution to the defeat of the Germans in the First World War when it broke the much-vaunted and formidable Hindenburg Line on the St Quentin

Canal at Belleglise.

This was the last German defensive barrier on the Western Front and it was stormed by soldiers drawn mostly from in and around Wolverhampton, Walsall, Burting and Markey Harden.

ton-on-Trent and Hanley.
That victorious Brigade belonged to the 46th
North Midland Division. It was one of the 14
peace-time divisions of the Territorial Force,

peace-time divisions of the Territorial Force, which had been organised in 1908 with the aim of training part-time soldiers for home defence in the event of war.

As for the 137th Staffordshire Brigade it was made up of four battalions: two each from North and South Staffordshire. The 5th South Staffordshire Regiment had its headquarters and four companies at Walsall, with other companies at Bloxwich, Hednesford, Handsworth and Wednesbury; the 6th battalion was based in Wolverhampton, where it had three companies, with others in Willenhall, Sedgley, Darlaston, Bilston and Tettenhall. Its main recruiting

MEMORY LANE

centre was at the Drill Hall in Stafford Street, Wolverhampton. The Brigade was made up not only of infantrymen and gunners but also of engineers and medics, who belonged to the Field Ambulance of Royal Army Medical Corps.

Among the Wolverhampton men of the 1/3rd North Midland Field Ambulance was Lance Corporal William J Connolly, Army number 421168. He was actively involved in the final months of the war, which began in March 1918 when General Ludendorff launched the German Spring offensive as a last attempt to gain vic-Spring offensive as a last attempt to gain vic-

tory.

Its initial successes were dramatic and demoralising, but after the Germans were finally repulsed in their attempts to capture Amiens, repulsed in their attempts to capture Amiens, Ludendorff shifted his attacks to the north and the Ypres Salient in Flanders. In the Battle of Lys, his troops made significant gains but a final drive to capture the Channel ports was repulsed on April 29.

With the battle still raging, the next evening L/Cpl Connolly was the duty NCO at an advanced dressing station near to Gorre, a hamlet just to the east of Bethune that had been

turned into a support post. That night and into the next day, it was heavily bombarded with mustard gas shells by the enemy. Distinguishing himself with conspicuous bravery, L/Cpl Connolly was awarded the Military Medal on August 30. The citation read that he 'remained at duty, despite incessant vomiting, till he could neither see or stand. His courage and devotion to duty was a good example to the men of the unit, and to the gassed men of other units who were passing through the dressing station'. Having lost much of his sight, the valorous Wulfrunian was eventually moved to Bellahouston Hospital in Glasgow. Here he was visited by his wife of six months, Lillian, from whom he had been parted two days after their wedding.

by his wife of six months, Lillian, from whom he had been parted two days after their wedding. After his recovery, Bill Connolly returned to Wolverhampton and was presented with 'a beautiful gold pocket watch' which his grand-daughter Elizabeth Thompson is proud to have. Elizabeth his keen to know if this watch 'was presented at a special ceremony and whether any other Wolverhampton men won medals and were given such a gift by the town'. She explains that before the Great War, her grandfather was 'a skilled Art Metal Worker, having served as an apprentice with F.J.J Gibbons from July 22, 1907 to April 23, 1911'. Elizabeth remembers that because of the mustard gas, her grandfather's "chest and lungs were badly damaged'.

She adds: "His eyesight was also impaired and I believe that he was the first person to have a corneal graft operation at Wolverhampton and West Midlands Eye Infirmary." This came about because in 1942, Bill had a piece of grit removed from his left eye at the Infirmary. During the examination of his eye it was discovered that there was something else seriously wrong with his eye – the mustard gas had badly affected his cornea.

Bill began to go blind as his right eye was also impaired and then in 1951 a young German went to the Infirmary suffering from a tumour. Went to the immary suttering from a tumour. However, the cornea remained healthy and after his eye was removed he gave permission for it to be grafted onto Bill's left eye.

Then the doctors turned their attention to Bill's right eye. Then in December 1952 another German walked into the Infirmary. He had to

German walked into the Infirmary. He had to have his eye removed but also helped the Englishman. A few days later Bill had an operation and for several days afterwards lay in bed with his eyes covered in bandages until a nurse did not replace them in quite the usual way. In his words, Bill 'took a sly peep' and was filled with great joy. He could see to the end of the room 'like a brilliantly lit theatre. The wheel had gone full circle. The debt had been repaid in full. The Germans who had deprived him of his sight had given him back his sight'.

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William Connolly in his uniform

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30 No 10 visit helps raise profile of **fundraiser**

A FUNDRAISER from Hednesford visited 10 Downing Street and the Houses of Parliament to help raise awareness of his about. FUNDRAISER from

charity.

John Hibbs, of Bakers
Way, was invited to London by Cannock Chase

MP Aidan
Burley and



The Chronicle

John in London

work for
the Hibbs Lupus Trust.

"I travelled to London
by train to meet Amanda
and Aidan at the Houses
of Redicate the London

and Aidan at the Houses of Parliament where I was treated to a tour," he said.

"We then made away across to No 10 Downing Street where I had the opportunity to see behind the scenes including a fascinating visit to the Cabinet room with insight from the Minister for Education Nicky Morgan MP."

John founded the Hibbs Lupus Trust in October 2011 in order to help support lupus patients and their families across the Midlands after his sister Viki was diagnosed with the illness in 2008 at the age of 25.

age of 25.

For more details go to www.hibbslupustrust.org

set up to help businesses

A NEW enterprise club where budding entrepreneurs can get business support and prospec-tive parliaadvice and build local contacts is being

launched in Hednesford. The Hednesford Enterprise Club will give people

who want to set up their own businesses the chance to share experiences and access professional advice. The club, set up by local independent business consultant Linda Whitehouse, will also assist those people who have just started their own small business.

"Now businesses profes." "I want our area to be one

"New businesses repre-"New businesses represent the future of our economy, so we need to make sure that unemployed people with a good idea get the support they need to move into self-employment," she said. said

Ideas

"New entrepreneurs and "New entrepreneurs and small business owners in Hednesford and the sur-rounding area of Cannock Chase will get the help and

Chase will get the help and support they need.

"And they will be able to swap ideas and talk to guest speakers including people from successful local busi-

"I'm always visiting and listening to local traders

"I want our area to be one of the best places to start and grow a business, mean-ing more jobs for hardwork-

ing people.
"By working together we

"By working together we achieve more."

The club will now meet every other Wednesday, starting on March 25, in the Coach House Suite, at the Cross Keys pub, in Hill Street, Hednesford, WS12 2DN between 11am and 12 30nm 12.30pm.

Anyone requiring more information about the Hednesford Enterprise Club, or how their business could become involved in it, can contact Linda Whitehouse by email at lwi32014@gmail. com or by calling 01543 870 712.



Linda Whitehouse - 'I want our area to be one of the best places to start and grow a business

Town pubs on Camra's Enterprising move as club

THREE pubs in Hednes-ford are featured in Can-nock Chase Camra's ale trail this month

trail this month.

The Spring Sprint encourages people to try pubs they may not usually visit as well as introduce them to the real ales sold there. Among the 16 pubs on the route are The Cross Keys, The Bridge, and The Five Ways, all in Hednesford.

In each pub on the trail, drinkers are given a sticker for a collector card, which when full can be sent off for the chance to win a lim-

for the chance to win a limited edition polo shirt.

Cannock Chase Camra

is staging its Spring Sprint during March. The idea of the 'ale trail' is to encour-age people to try pubs they

may not usually visit.
The Spring Sprint runs
until March 31.

Lecture on Great War

HISTORY enthusiasts are looking forward to a lec-ture entitled 'Objects of Memory – Women and the Home Front' at the Museum of Cannock Chase on Wednesday.
Dr Phylomena Badsey

will focus on how women recorded their experiences of the First World War. Tickets for the event,

Tickets for the event, which starts at 2pm, cost £1.50 and are available from the reception at the museum in Valley Road, Hednesford.

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David Starkey

Richard III: The Princes in the Tower

(Channel 4, 9.00pm)

In the week of the reburial of Richard III at Leicester Cathedral, this dramadocumentary explores the events of 1483, when he put 12-year-old Edward V and younger brother Richard of Shrewsbury into the Tower of London. Weeks later, he pronounced himself king and the boys were never again. For more than 500 years it has been thought by some that the monarch killed his own nephews to take the throne, while others believe no crime took place - and that the youngsters lived anonymously into old age. Hearing from experts including David Starkey and Philippa Gregory, the programme tests the competing theories.

BBC₁

6.00 Breaktast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen
Live. 11.30 Football Focus. 12.00 BBC
News; Weather. 12.10 Live Six Nations
Rugby Union. Italy Wales (Kick-off
12.30pm). The final day of the
championship gets under way with this
clash at the Stadio Olimpico, as Wales
look for a third way win of the
tournament. 2.25 Live Six Nations
Rugby Union. Scotland v Ireland (Kickoff 2.30pm). Coverage of the second of
doay's three fixtures comes from
Murrayfield, as the nations play their
final match of the campaign. 4.30 Live
Six Nations Rugby Union. England v
France (Kick-off 5.00pm). This year's
championship reaches a climax at
Twickenham, where the final standings
will be decided.
7.00 BBC News. will be decided.
7.00 BBC News.
7.10 Regional Programme.

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 7.15 The Voice UK. Emma Willis and Marvin Humes present the first live round of the singing contest, in which the 12 remaining acts perform for a place in the semifinal. After all three acts in each team have performed, Tom Jones, Will.i.am, Rita Ora and Ricky Wilson will choose one to progress straight through to the next stage of the competition – leaving the remaining two on each team to go head to head in a
- 9.15 The National Lottery Live. Gaby
- 5 The National Lottery Live. Gaby Roslin pushes the buttons to reveal the results of the Lotto and The Voice UK Results. Emma Willis and Marvin Humes announce the result of the public vote to decide which four acts will be going home leaving for Jones, Will.i.am. Rita Ora and Ricky Wilson with just two each for next week's semi-final.
- 10.00 BBC News; Weather.
 10.20 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League clashes, including Newcastle United v Arsenal and Manchester City v West Bromwich Albion; National Lottery Update.
- 11.45 The Football League Show.
 Manish Bhasin presents highlights
 and all the goals from the latest fixtures.
- tixtures.

 1.05 Film: Virus. (1999) A salvage tug crew boards an abandoned Russian ves and encounters a deadly alien life form composed of pure energy. Sci-fi thriller, with Jamie Lee Curtis. 2.35 Weather for the Week Ahead. 2.40 BBC News.

BBC₂

- 7.10 Film: Safari. (1956) 8.40 Six Nations Rewind. (R) 9.40 The Fred Dibnah Story. (R) 10.10 Fred Dibnah's Magnificent Monuments. (R) 10.40 The Nature of Britain. 12.00 A Taste of Britain. 12.30 Ales Guinness: Talking Pictures. (R) 1.10 Film: The Man in the White Suit. (1951) Sattircal Ealing comedy, with Alec Guinness. 2.35 Film: Filght of the Navigator. (1986) Sci-fi adventure, with Joey Cramer. 4.00 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.30 Final Score. 5.15 Flog It! 6.15 Gardeners' World. Monty Don tries to revive the fortunes of the
- tries to revive the fortunes of the once-popular chrysanthemum, while Joe Swift has suggestions for viewers thinking of giving their garden a bit of a spring revamp.
- 6.45 Kew on a Plate. Chef Baymond Kew on a Plate. Chef Raymond Blanc and broadcaster Kate Humble spend a year at the Royal Botanic Gardens in Richmond upon Thames, south-west London, to try to re-establish the long-lost fruit and vegetable plots that once provided produce for the royal table. In the first episode, spring has arrived and Raymond harvests ribustar and plants apparagus crowns, while Kate discovers how war with France turned Britain into a nation of potato eaters. (B) potato eaters, (R)
- 7.45 Dad's Army. Captain Mainwaring initiates a recruitment campaign, but makes the mistake of leaving Wilson in charge of the poster. (R) 8.15 Murder on the Victorian Railway.
- Drama-documentary examining the death of banker Thomas Briggs in July 1864, which was the first murder to be committed on a British train. (R)
- on a British train. (R)
 9.15 Film: Now is Good. (2012)
 Premiere. A 17-year-old girl is
 diagnosed with terminal
 leukaemia, and decides to make
 the most of the few months she
 has left, working her way through
 a list of life-changing experiences
 that most people have during their
 teenage years. Meanwhile, her
 parents and brother each try to
 cope with the impending loss in
 their own way. Drama, starring
 Dakota Fanning, Olivia Williams
 and Paddy Considine.

 10.50 Film: Girl with a Pearl Earring.
- and Paddy Considine.

 10.50 Film: Girl with a Pearl Earring.
 (2003) Period drama, with Scarlett
 Johansson and Tom Wilkinson.

12.25 Film: Michael Collins. (1996) 2.25

- 6.00 CITV- Bottom Knocker Street. 6.10
 Bottom Knocker Street. (R) 6.20 Bottom Knocker Street. (R) 6.35 Dino Dan. (R)
 6.45 Dino Dan. (R) 7.00 Calminals. (R)
 7.18 Sootly. (R) 23 Signed Stories:
 Scrambled! 7.35 Scrambled!:
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 Horrid Henry. 8.50 Scrambled!: Hulk and the Agents of Smash. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 11.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 11.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 11.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 12.36 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 12.36 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 12.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 14.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 14.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 14.36 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 12.36 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 12.36 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 14.36 T
- Weather.

 6.00 You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, featuring everything from cute kids and crazy animals to pranks and painful-looking accidents. (R)

 7.00 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway. Stephen Mulhern finds himself at the mercy of the Geordie duo as they once again go undercover, Ashley Roberts oversees this week's round of Ant v Dec, and the guest announcer is v Dec, and the guest announcer is this year's Oscars host Neil Patrick Harris, getting in some practice before he takes the reins of the before he takes the reins of the American version of Saturday Night Takeaway, Plus, the Supercomputer hits the road again and a member of the studio audience plays to win the contents of a commercial break.

 You're Back in the Room. Five contestants team up to complete four challenges, including serving pints to Coronation Street stars past and present. Phillip Schofield hosts the hypnotism game show.

 The Jonathan Ross Show. Russell

- hosts the hypnotism game show.

 9.25 The Jonathan Ross Show. Russell Crowe talks about The Water Diviner, Elizabeth Hurley discusses The Royals and Lily James reveals what it was like to play Cinderella.

 10.30 ITV News; Weather.

 10.45 Film: Burn After Reading. (2008) Two gym employees get hold of the manuscript for a CIA agent's tell-all book and try to sell the secrets it contains. The Cene brothers' comedy, with Brad Pitt.

 12.30 Jackoc/247.3.00 The Jeremy Kyle

12.30 Jackpot247. 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) 3.45 ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

C.05 Trans World Sport. 7.05 Cycling:
Revolution Series. 8.00 The Morning
Line. 9.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R)
9.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R)
10.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R)
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10.35 Frasier. (R) 11.05 Frasier. (R)
11.35 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 10.00 Rude(sist) Tube.
1.30 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Newbury and Kelso. 4.10 Come
Dine with Me. (R) 4.40 Come Dine with Me. (R)
5.45 Come Dine with Me. (R)
6.10 The Simpsons. (R)
6.40 Channel 4 News.

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 7.05 Selling Off Britain. Will Hutton argues that business leaders and politicians are selling of some of Britain's best companies for a quick and easy profit, creating a dumbed-down, low-wage Britain.
- wage Britain.

 8.00 The World's Weirdest Weather.
 Icebergs explode into thousands
 of pieces in Antarctica, locals film
 a rare snowstorm in the Saudi
 Arabian desert, and more than
 10,000 seabirds are killed off the
 north-west coast of America when
 storms churn up algae in the
 waters, creating deadly sea foam.
 In Canada, tourists witness a fullcircle raiphow and a frefeither in circle rainbow, and a firefighter in Texas is caught up in a wave of hail so large that it shuts down the highway
- Richard III: The Princes in the Tower. In the week of the reburial of Richard III at Leicester Cathedral, this drama-documentary explores the events of 1483, when he put 12-year-old Edward V and younger brother Richard of Shrewsbury into the Tower of London. Weeks later, he pronounced himself king and the pronounced himself king and the boys were never seen again. For more than 500 years it has been thought by some that the monarch killed his own nephews to take the throne, while others believe no crime took place – and that the youngsters lived anonymously into old age.

 10.00 Film: Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter. (2012) Premiere. Fantasy thriller, starring Benjamin Walker and Dominic Cooper.

 12.05 Alan Carr. Chatty Man. (R) 1.05 Film: Stakeout. (1987) 3.05 Hollyoaks. (R) 5.18 Kirstle's Vintage Gems. (R) 5.50 NFL: Rustl Zone.
- 5.55 NFL: Rush Zone

CHANNEL 5

- 6.00 Milkshakel 10.10 SpongeBob SquarePants, 10.45 Film: Alpha and Omega, (2011 12.25 Film: Cloumbo: The Conspirators, (1978) Detective drama, Starting Peter Falk, 2.25 Holiday Love Rats Exposed, (R) 3.25 The Woman with 40 Cats and Duter Pet Hoarders, (R) 4.25 GPs: Behind Closed Doors, (R) 8.25 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door, (R) 8.25 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door, (R) 9.25 The Nightmare
- 6.20 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Mike Allonby and Terry Jones repossess debtors' cars in Cheshire and Liverpool. (R)
- Cheshire and Liverpool. (R)

 7.10 Police Interceptors. A foulmouthed pensioner pushes
 Barry's patience to the limit, Sarah
 gives a bad-boy biker an early
 birthday present and Jim's Audi
 S3 is outclassed by a car 30 years
 its senior. (R)

8.00 5 News Weekend.

- 8.05 News Weekend.
 8.05 NCIS. A marine's teeth and fingertips are found in a pickpocket's stolen purse, but the team discovers the real target may have been his ex-girlfriend, a skilled player of computer games. (R)
- 9.00 NCIS. The agents learn one of their former investigative assistants has been murdered, and had been selling information and had been sening information about how to rob a warehouse full of valuable possessions belonging to a woman convicted of fraud. As the case proceeds, Tony becomes infatuated with the new leader of another team, who apparently returns his feelings. (R)
- returns his feelings. (R)

 10.00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.
 DB and the team investigate the
 murder of an inmate at Clark
 County Jail and learn the victim
 was working as an informant for
 the district attorney and the FBI.
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7.00 World's Craziest Fools 8.00 Top Gear 9.00 Russell Howard's Good News 10.00 Film: Fright Night (2011) 11.40 Family Guy 1.50 Bluestone 42 2.20 Uncle 2.50 Russell Howard's Good News 3.50 Close

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7.00 Chemistry – A Volatile History 8.00
Lost Kingdoms of Central America 9.00
Inspector Montablano 10.50 Tales from
the Royal Wardrobe with Lucy Worsley
11.50 Top of the Pops: 1980 12.35 Kate
Bush at the BBC 1.35 The Rolling Stones
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Hogarth – One Man and His Pug 2.50 Lost
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12.35 Crazy Beaches 1.00 Hells Kitchen
1.50 Fake Reaction 2.25 Life's Funniest
Moments 2.45 Teleshopping 5.45 ITV2
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12.45 Live Snooker: World Grand Prix.
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Louis Theroux

Louis Theroux: By Reason of Insanity (BBC2, 9pm)

The journalist immerses himself in the world of Ohio's maximum security state psychiatric hospitals, meeting patients who have committed crimes some horrifically violent while suffering from severe mental illnesses. In the first of a two-part programme. Louis spends time with patients who are attempting to come to terms with what they have done and talks to the clinicians entrusted with delivering the treatment it is honed will one day lead to their reintegration back into society

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6.00 Breakfast. 7.30 Match of the Day. (R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 The Big Questions. 11.00 Sunday Politics. 12.15 MOTD2 Extra. With Mark Politics. 12.15 MUDIZ EXTR. With Mark Chapman and the Match of the Day team. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 2.15 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) 3.15 The Truth About Sugar. (R) 4.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.45 Lifeline. 4.55 Songs of Praise. 5.30 BBC News. 5.50 Regional

Programme.
6.00 The Big Painting Challenge. Una The Big Painting Challenge. Una Stubbs and Richard Bacon present the art competition from Liverpool, and for the amateurs' first challenge they are asked to paint their personal interpretation of the city in watercolours. With just a week until the final, two artists make the bold decision to change their styles in a bid to impress the judges. For the quick draw, the hopefuls capture the Royal Liver Building dock tower, followed by the final challenge – a busy painting of the city's skyline from across the River Mersey.

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Countryfile. Adam Henson visits
the Isle of Man, finding out about
19th-century naturalist Edward
Forbes and local farming. Plus,
archive items about different
creatures spotted over the years.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. The team visits Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, where items include a 1970s barber's chair, a 12th-century Hindu sculpture and collectibles indirectly related to the Tabaic.

9.00 Poldark. Ross puts on a brave face when Elizabeth gives birth and is angered by gossip about him and Demelza.

10.00 BBC News. 10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman introduces highlights of the latest Premier League matches, featuring Liverpool v Manchester United, Hull City v Chelsea and Queens Park Rangers

v Everton.

11.40 The Football League Show.
Bristol City v Walsall. Manish
Bhasin presents highlights of the
Johnstone's Paint Trophy final at
Wembley Stadium, as the League
One clubs battled it out for

12.25 The Apprentice USA. 1.45 Weather for the Week Ahead. 1.50 BBC

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Kein. (R) 5.30 Great British Garden Kein. (R) 5.30 Great British Garden Revival. (R) 7.30 Gardeners' World. (R) 3.00 Countrylle. (R) 9.00 The Football League Show. (R) 10.20 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.50 A Taste of Britain. 12.20 Back in Time for Dinner. (R) 1.20 Film: Day of the Evil Gun. (1968) Western, starring Glenn Ford. (1968) Western, starring Glenn Ford. (1958) Western, starring Glenn Ford. (1958) Western, starring Glenn Ford. (1958) Western, starring Blenn Ford. (1958) Western, Starring Blenn Ford. (1958) Western, Starring Blenn Ford. (1958) Western, Starring Glenn Ford. (1958) Great (1958) Western, Starring Glenn Ford. (1958) Great (1958)

dating agency means his wishes might just come true.

7.00 Six Nations Greatest Moments. Six Nations Greatest Moments. Gabby Logan presents a celebration of some of the most memorable moments from the rugby union competition, featuring archive action and testimonies from leading players of the past. With contributions from Jonny Wilkinson, Brian O'Driscoll, Gavin and Scott Hastings, Thomas Castaignede, Serge Betsen, Gareth Edwards, and Martin Johnson.

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8.00 Caribbean with Simon Reeve.
New series. The adventurer travels around the islands and mainland coast of the Caribbean Sea, beginning by visiting the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Puerto Rico.

9.00 Louis Theroux: By Reason of Insanity. Part one of two. The journalist visits Ohio's maximum security state psychiatric hospitals, meeting patients who have committed crimes while suffering from severe mental illnesses.

illnesses.

10.0 Bluestone 42. Nick is called in to rescue a squaddie who has trapped his helmet in an IED tripwire - but things soon take a worrying turn. Elsewhere, Simon makes a life-changing discovery.

10.30 Film: Red Tails. (2012) Premiere. Black US flighter pilots battle both the German air force and racism ir their own ranks. Second World War drama, starring Terrence Howard and Cuba Gooding Jr.

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6.05 Regional Programme; Weather 6.15 ITV News; Weather.

Tiv News; Weather:
 The Chase: Celebrity Special.
 Coronation Street actress Samia Ghadie (Maria Connor), The Last Leg's Alex Brooker, presenter Annabel Giles and comedian Julian Clary compete to win thousands of pounds for charity by taking on one of the show's resident trival experts in a test of their general knowledge. However, they must work as a team to build their prize pot and stay one step ahead of the Chaser. Bradley Walsh hosts. (R)

7.30 Off Their Rockers. Royston invents the ultimate mobile phone case, Paul tests out the world's most powerful leaf blower, and Seb steals flowers from a funeral.

8.00 All Star Family Fortunes.

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Hollyoaks actor Kieron Richardson (Ste Hay) and This Morning presenter Ruth Langsford team up with their families in an attempt to win thousands for charily.

9.00 Mr Selfridge. Nancy has difficulty keeping her engagement to Harry a secret from Gus, and a meddling Princess Marie makes things even trickier. Miss Mardle and Mr Grove come to blows again.

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10.00 ITV News; Weather. 10.010 News, weather.

10.15 Bear Grylls: Mission Survive. The four remaining celebrities forage for food in the forest, endure another stormy night and face their most extreme challenge yet crossing a 200ft ravine one by one on a rope. (R)

11.20 LV= Cup Rugby Union. 12.15 The Store. 2.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) 3.15 ITV Nightscreen.

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6.20 How I Met Your Mother. 6.45 How I Met Your Mother. 7. 10 How I Met Your Mother. 7. 110 How I Met Your Mother. 7. 35 Everyhody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.00 Everyhody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.00 Fasier. (R) 9.00 Frasier. (R) 9.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.30 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) 1.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 2.00 The Simpsons. (R) 9.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.30 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) 1.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 2.00 The Simpsons. (R) 2.30 The Simpsons. (R) 0.00 Film: The Spy Next Door. (2010) Comedo: starring Jackiec Chan 4.50

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Channel 4 News. 5.10 Richard III: The
Return of the King.
8.00 Great Canal Journeys. Timothy
West and Prunella Scales journey
along the "London Ring", as it's
known to narrowboat lovers, in a known to narrowboat lovers, in a voyage of discovery through their home city. Starting in Brentford, they follow the Union Canal, and then the Regent's Canal until it meets the Tiames at Limehouse. Along the way, they meet up with fellow actors Andrew Sachs and lan McKellen, and visit the cemetery at Kensal Green, where their old friend, playwright Harold Pinter, is buried.

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9.00 Indian Summers. A mountaineer saves Alice, Madeleine and Ronnie from a perilous situation and inveigles his way into Alice's affections, but she's unaware he has an ulterior motive. And when he later reveals he knows the truth about her past he leaves her in no doubt as to what exactly his silence will cost. Darius puts pressure on Roshana to accept Sita into the Dalal family fold, while Ramu is furious when he discovers Jaya has stolen his late wife's wedding dress. Dougle and Sarah work to rebuild their troubled marriage.

10.00 Gogglebox. Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. Narrated by Caroline Alerme. (R)

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11.00 Film: The Twillight Saga:
Breaking Dawn – Part 1. (2011)
Vampire Edward and human Bella
get married, but her subsequent
pregnancy has dangerous
implications. Romantic fantasy sequel, with Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson.

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1.15 Film: Bruno. (2009) Spoof documentary, starring Sacha Baron Cohen. 2.35 Come Dine with Me. (R)

4.50 River Cottage Veg Heroes. (R) 5.20 Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R) 5.35 The Common Denominator. (R)

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6.00 Milkshakel: Peppa Pig. 6.05
Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) 6.20 Angelina
Ballerina. (R) 6.35 Pip And. (R) 6.45
The Mr Men Show. (R) 6.55 Bert and
Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) 7.00
Chloe's Closet. (R) 7.15 Olly the Little
White Van. 7.20 Make Way for Noddy.
(R) 7.30 Paw Patrol. (R) 7.45 Little
Princess. (R) 8.00 Wanda and the Alien.
(R) 8.10 Zack and Ouack. 8.25 Ben and
Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 8.45 Jelly
Jamm. (R) 9.00 LazyTown. 9.30 Dora
and Friends. 10.00 SpongeBob
SquarePants. 10.35 The Dog Rescuers.
(R) 11.00 The Hotel Inspector. (R) 12.05
The Hotel Inspector. (R) 12.55 Film:
Phenomenon. (1996) Fantasy drama,
starring John Travolta. 3.20 Film: The
Borrowers. (Broy. (2004) Romantic
comedy, starring Hilary Duff and Chad
Michael Murray.
6.50 5 News Weekend.
6.55 Film: Lara Croft: Tomb Raider —
The Cradle of Life. (2003) The
daredevil heroine returns on a new
quest, this time to search the
world for the legendary Pandora's
Box. However, a devious scientist
is determined to get his hands on
it first and realise his cunning
scheme to harmess the box's
power as a deadly weapon. Action
adventure sequel, starring
Angelina Jolie, Gerard Butler,
Claran Hinds, Chris Barrie and

Ciaran Hinds, Chris Barrie and Djimon Hounsou. Edited for anguage and violence

9.00 Film: Alex Cross. (2012) Film: Alex Cross. (2012)
Premilera. A homicide cop pursues an ex-military assassin who has sadistically tortured and murdered a wealthy executive, leaving a surreal clue to the next victim. However, as the detective tries to bring the killing spree to an end, he finds his own family is also in the firing line. Crime thriller, starring Tyler Perry, Matthew Fox and Jean Reno.

11.05 Film: Scream 4. (2011) Three-time massacre survivor Sidney Prescott faces a new masked killer marking the 15th anniversary of the original murders. Horror sequel, starring Neve Campbell and Emma Roberts.

and Emma Hoderts.

1.10 SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. 3.10 The Restaurant Inspector. An Afro-Caribbean restaurant in Sheffield. (R) 4.00 House Doctor. (R) 4.25 Make It Big. (R) 5.15 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.40 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 The Voice UK 8.55 The Voice UK
Results 9.30 Russell Howard's Good News
10.00 I Survived a Zombie Apocalypse
11.00 Family Guy 11.45 Bluestone 42
12.15 American Dad! 12.35 I Survived a Zombie Apocalypse 1.35 Russell Howard's Good News 2.05 Bluestone 42 2.35 Jenny Bede: AAA 2.55 Muslim Miss World

88C Four 7.00 The Great War 8.20 Pop Go the Sixties 8.30 Secret Knowledge: Stradivarius and Me 9.00 Lost Cities of the Ancients 10.00 Film: Sleep Tight (2011) 11.35 Kenny Rogers: Cards on the Table 12.35 Top of the Pops: The Story of 1980 1.35 Kings of Soul 2.35 Lost Cities of the Ancients

ITV2
12.10 Take Me Out 1.20 Totally Bonkers
Guinness World Records 1.50 Scorpion
2.45 Catchptrase Celebrity Special 3.40
Film: Hotel Transylvania (2012) 5.25 Ant &
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She's the Man (2006) 9.00 Ibiza
Weekender 10.00 Film: The Girl with the
Dragon Tatton (2011) 1.10 Mom 2.00
Life's Funniest Moments 2.25 Teleshopping
5.55 ITV2 Nightscreen

11.35 A Touch of Frost 1.40 Wycliffe 2.45
A Touch of Frost 4.45 Agatha Christie's
Marple 6.50 Inspector Morse 9.00 Sunday
Night at the Palladium 10.00 Birds of a
Feather 10.30 City Lights 11.35 Film:
Steptoe and Son (1972) 1.30 Perspectives:
Lenny Henry – Finding Shakespare 2.20
Judge Judy 2.40 Wycliffe 3.40 Emmerdale

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11.45 Storage Wars 12.45 Live Snooker:
World Grand Prix. Coverage of the opening
session of the final from Llanduno. 5.15
Storage Wars 5.40 River Monsters 6.45
Live Snooker, World Grand Prix 11.15
Film: Fearless (2006) 1.25 Minder 2.30
Nitro Circus 2.55 ITV4 Nightscreen 3.00
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12.30 Revenge 1.30 The 100 2.30 Rude(ish)
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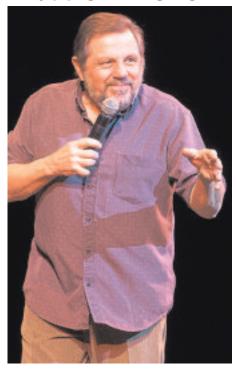
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11.00 The Producers (1968) 1.00 Taxi (2004) 3.00 The Last Mimzy (2007) 4.50 Edward Scissorhands (1990) 6.55 America's Sweethearts (2001) 9.00 Hitman (2007) 10.50 Notorious (2009) 1.15 The Ballad of Jack and Rose (2005) 3.35 Close

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A veteran lieutenant leads an elite Navy Seal team on torn Nigeria. However, the brutality of the conflict prompts the rescuers to disobey orders and intervene to save the lives of helpless refugees. Action drama, starring Bruce Willis, Monica Bellucci, Cole Hauser and

The Vow, Channel 5, 11pm
A newlywed couple are involved in a car accident, and the wife wakes up with no memory of her husband. While he tries to get her to fall in love with him all over again, she is reunited with her estranged parents, who never approved of the marriage and see her condition as a chance to make a fresh start. Romantic drama, with Rachel McAdams, Channing Tatum, Jessica Lange



WEDNESDAY

The Devil's Double, BBC1, 11.15pm

An Iraqi soldier is forced to become a double for Saddam Hussein's sadistic son Uday to distract assassins. His new role plunges him into a world of depravity, as he becomes a first-hand witness to the acts of murder and violence Uday routinely indulges in. Drama, starring Dominic Cooper, Ludivine Sagnier and

Montana Sky, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Three women with the same father but different mothers meet for the first time after their estranged father dies. They discover he has left them his ranch in his will - on the condition that they run the estate together for at least a year. Unfortunately, they soon learn the old man had enemies determined to make sure they fail. Drama, starring Ashley Williams and Laura Mennell. (2007)

Glory, BBC2, 11.35pm

Fact-based historical drama chronicling the story of the first all-black regiment to fight in the American Civil War, and the inexperienced officer given the job of training the men and leading them into battle. Starring Matthe Broderick, Cary Elwes, Morgan Freeman and Denzel Washington, who received an Oscar for his performance. (1989)

PICK OF THE WEEK Clegg makes a decision in the Nick of time

umours, back-stabbing, double-dealings and u-turns – such things are about to dominate the headlines as a general election is looming large on the horizon.

icoming large on the norzon. While most of the media world seems to have got caught up in the will-he-worlt-he tales involving David Cameron and the televised leadershi debate he seems to be reluctant to participate in, Channel 4 has quietly been putting together Coalition, a drama about, you guessed it, the coalition.

The station is no stranger to political dramas, having already backed such acclaimed shows as Mo, Complicit and The Deal. Sadly, it was also behind UKIP: The First 100 Days, the fictionalised documentary which received a bashing from critics and audiences alike when it was broadcast last month.

However, Coalition promises to be rather more impressive.

It's been written by James Graham, who is sticking with politics for his next project – the stage play The Vote, which will form part of the Donmar Warehouse's spring season;

More4 will also broadcast the production live on the night of the election itself.

Coalition focuses on the rise of Nick Clegg. In 2010, he was the leader of the Liberal Democrats, and barely anybody gave him a second thought – he certainly wasn't regarded as a possibly major player.

possibly major player.

However, taking part in the UK's first-ever televised leaders' debate changed all that. Suddenly, thanks to an impassioned speech, he became an unlikely hero, someone who gave rivals David Cameron and Gordon Brown a wake-up call — or at least a kick up the backside.

"I believe the way things are is not the way things have to be," he famously stated. "We have a chance to do things differently for once."

Then, after the election, he was given the opportunity to form a coalition – and, as this drama reveals, Cleggs moves at that time became one of the most influential and significant political decision of recent

"In May 2010, British politics was faced with a dilemma it hadn't had to

face in peacetime for over 75 years," says Graham. "The public were asked who should govern, and they came back with the answer – we don't know. Those historic, dramatic few days put personalities at the heart of politics – and the choices made, I believe, changed the face of British politics forever.

"What we try to capture in this drama is the tension, the high stakes, and the frequent farcical and absurd nature of what happens when a power is wrangled, negotiated and fought over like children trading cards in the playground.

Clegg is played here by Bertie Carvel, who is in the midst of a big year career-wise – as well as Coalition, he is set to appear in the BBC's eagerly awaited adaptation of Jonathan Strange & Mr Norrell.

Jonathan Strange & NILTOWISH.

Ian Grieve plays outgoing Prime
Minister Gordon Brown, a role he's
accustomed to after starring on stage
in The Confessions of Gordon Brown,
while Mark Dexter plays David

Look out too for Mark Gatiss, who's



Bertie Carvel stars as Nick Clegg in Coalition, Thursday, Channel 4, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

Trevor McDonald Meets the Mafia

The Godfather, GoodFellas, The Sopranos – the shadowy world of the US Mafia has inspired some incredible dramas. But how realistic is their depiction of a life of organised crime? We're about to get an insight, as in this two-part documentary, Trevor McDonald gains unprecedented access to some of the people who have experienced the money, the glamour and the violence first hand. The veteran broadcaster starts his journey in Queens, New York, where he meets John Alite, aka The Sheriff, who explains how he began his ascent up the ranks following the orders for the infamous John Gotti Snr during the 1980s and 1990s, But while would-be mobsters may have to prove their loyalty, the consequences for betraying their fellow criminals can be severe..

TUESDAY

Ordinary Lies BBC1, 9pm

Fun-loving receptionist Tracy longs to escape her mundane life. It seems she has found the answer when she starts dating local DJ Jimmy, who offers to whisk her and her workmate Viv off on an allexpenses-paid trip to the Caribbean. A free exotic break seems too good to be true - and sure

enough, it soon becomes clear there is more to the holiday than meets the eye. Meanwhile, Beth's suspicions grow when she discovers the identity of her husband's late-night caller. Michelle Keegan (Coronation Street) stars

WEDNESDAY 24 Hours in A&E

Channel 4, 9pm

Hospital dramas are hardly in short supply these days, but it turns out we love a hospitalbased documentary just as much as much as the fictional stuff, as this award-winning series continues. The episode looks at families whose strong bonds have seen them through the worst that life can throw at them. Les lost control of his Land Rover, and has been admitted to St George's with lacerations on his head. He'll need emergency surgery, and the team test for underlying head and neck injuries, while his dad Michael rushes to his side. Meanwhile Cambelle, a 21-year-old plumber, has an infected cyst, and 67-year-old retired doctor Patrick has been involved in horse-riding accident, in which he was dragged 130ft and not found for more than two hours.

THURSDAY Richard III: The King Laid to Rest Channel 4, 8pm

This final programme in Channel 4's coverage of the reburial of Richard III provides highlights of the service from earlier today at Leicester Cathedral, alongside a live broadcast of a last moment of intimate ceremonial, in

which the king's descendants, and

his remains, gather to bid him a final farewell. The Bosworth beacon, lit when Richard's remains arrived back at the site of his death on Sunday morning, will be extinguished as the tombstone is revealed for the first time

> The Truth About Calories BBC1, 9pm In the second documentary on health issues, Chris van

Tulleken runs a series to get to the

bottom of calories. He tests the real calorie content of randomly selected supermarket foods - finding that the labels aren't always accurate and examines the best way to burn them off. For this he gets three families to engage in different activities after a big fry-up – from a tough workout at the gym to relaxing on the sofa. He also reveals a few kitchen secrets, managing to

FRIDAY

Marvel's Agents of SHIELD Channel 4, 8pm

With Avengers: Age of Ultron about to dominate cinemas, and Daredevil and Agent Carter focusing on the small screen, Marvel's quest for media domination shows little sign of abating. And with this returning series offering plenty of clues for fans of the comic book universe, fan boys and girls alike will be thrilled as Agent Coulson and his eclectic band of crimefighters return after their mid-season break. As alarming revelations threaten to destroy them, Coulson and the agents are faced with the consequences of their war with Hydra. Their foe makes a risky move that could involve a traitor in SHIELD's midst. Series regulars Clark Gregg, Ming-Na Wen, Chloe Bennet and Iain De Caestecker head the cast.

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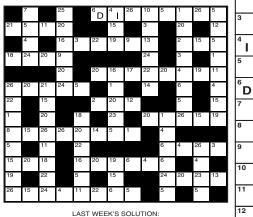
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Thursday, Chronicle

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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



fit the same grid Cryptic Clues:

Across 7. The way the tour is

- diverted to the East (5)
- 8. Becomes snarled up at corner in back-street (7)
- 9. An insult to a seaside promenade, we hear (7)
- 10. The French travel south to Nigerian port (5)
- 12. You could find these right in the main shopping centre (4.6)
- 15. Right-handed key (6,4) 18. This coin was a
- sovereign (5) 19 & 13Dn. This will deceive the pupils
- (7.8)different name for a flower (7)
- 22. Get to the bottom and connect the pipe-line (5)

Down

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both

- 1. Normal, neat decorative arrangement (10)
- 2. They went round the necks of thugs, we hear (5)
- 3. Famous fiddler in Stainer oratorio (4)
- 4. What the needle produces is an acute pain (6) Take out of gear (8)
- 6. Did some signalling, but became weary (7)
- 11 Complete black suit needed by one who goes round the course (3,2,5)
- 13. See 19 Across
- 14. Declines to put rubbish on the top of the scrap-heap (7)

 16. Mob round the East
- whooped in triumph
- 17. Show disdain for one who reconnoitres (5)
- 20. Betty Perkins to do some secretarial work inside (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

- 7. Precept (5)
- 8. Flood (7)
- 9. A month (7)
- 10. Sugary (5)
- **12.** Affirm (10)
- **15.** Emphasise (10) 18. Lock (5)
- 19. Relations (7)
- 21. Dirty (7)
- 22. Goodbye (5)

Down

- 1. Book-keeper (10)
- 2. Join (5) 3. Door handle (4)
- 4. Famish (6)
- 5. Expectation (8)
- 6. Indefinite (7)
- 11. Huge (10) 13. Ominous (8)
- 14. Shriek (7)
- 16. Harsh (6)
- 17. Coach (5)
- 20. Tidy (4)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

SC	SOLUTIONS >									
4	9	8	2	3	5	1	7	6		
7	6	1	9	8	4	5	3	2		
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9	8	2	4	7	1	3	6	5		
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LAST WEEK'S

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Restraint; 8 Air; 9 Incantation; 11 Artiste; 12 Posts; 13 Carvas; 15 Prefer;
17 Avast; 18 Celslus; 20 Tutilon fees; 22 Ewr,
28 Elephants. Down: 2 Eon; 3 Rings; 4 Images;
5 Tripper, 6 Sands of lime; 7 Treasures; 10 Coneaster; 11 Archangel; 14 Astride; 16 Scribe;
19 Lunch; 21 Eat. QUICK - Across: 1 Prostrate;
19 Lunch; 21 Eat. QUICK - Across: 1 Prostrate;
18 Let; 9 Storm-signal; 11 Builder; 12 Baste; 13 Idiocy; 15 Repose; 17 Knave; 18 Patriot; 20 Intercepted; 22 Set; 23 Respected. Down: 2
Rat; 3 Timid; 4 Aviary; 5 Ennoble; 6 Illusionist; 7
Statement; 10 Originality; 11 Briskness; 14 Creator; 16 Sports; 19 Theme; 21 Ere. LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

Quiz

Who is credited with discovering penicillin in 1928?

J B Q I R K N F G S U P

- In which country are the Queen's bodyguards the Royal Company of Archers?
- What was IRA man Dominic McGlinchey's nickname?
- Who wrote Strangers on a Train?
 Which bird has honey and rough-legged
- Which country was formerly known as the Gold Coast?
- Which skier is known as La Bomba?
- Who wrote Our Man in Havana? 8.
- Which river divides Kentish Men from Men of Kent?
 - Which composer's Adagietto from his 5th Symphony was used in the film Death In Venice?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Henry VIII; 2 James Herriot; 3

Essex; 4 Rene Descartes; 5 Grandsons; 6

Wild pansy; 7 Heroin; 8 Daniel Radcliffe; 9

Robinson Crusoe; 10 Inter Milan.

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- Kitchen Diner & Lounge
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- Upstairs Bathroom
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•Conservatory •Driveway

•No Upward Chain •EPC = E

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- Detached Garage

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Well Presented Link Detached •Three Bedrooms
•En Suite Shower Room •Garage To
Rear
•No Chain •EPC = C

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- Lounge & Conservatory
- Rear Garden
- Driveway



- Three Bedroom Detached •Kitchen & Utility Room
- •Guest WC



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- Room
- Side & Rear Gardens
- •Garage •EPC = D

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•Rear Garden •EPC = D £100,000



- Impressive Detached Bungalow •Four Bedrooms, Four Bathrooms
- Two Family Kitchens Hydra Therapy Pool & Plant Room
- Driveway •EPC = C

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- •End Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms Front & Rear Gardens
- •Garage •EPC = TBA



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- Detached •Two Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms No Upward Chain
- •Rear Garden •EPC = D



£110,000



BROMLEY CLOSE HEDNESFORD

Two Bedroom Semi Detached

Modern Dining/Kitchen

Lounge Front & Rear Gardens

Off Road Parking EPC = C

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PRINCESS STREET CHADSMOOR

 Detached Bungalow •Two Bedrooms Refitted Bathroom • Detached Garage
 To Rear •No Chain •FPC = D

£125.000





CHESTER CLOSE HEATH HAYES

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Kitchen
 Willity Room & Guest WC •En Suite
 Shower Room
 Off Road Parking •EPC = D

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CHARLEMONTE CLOSE HEDNESFORD

Three Bedroom Terrace •Kitchen Diner Lounge
 Family Shower Room •Rear Garden
 •No Upward Chain •EPC = C



PYE GREEN ROAD HEDNESFORD

•Two Bed Detached Bungalow •Refitted Shower Room •Kitchen Diner •Detached Garage

£199.995



- Ground Floor Maisonette
- One Bedroom
- Kitchen & Lounge
 Parking To Rear
- •50% Shares Ownersin
- Available •EPC = D



- Detached House •Four Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- •Garage •EPC = TBA



- Detached House
- •Four Bedrooms
- •Fitted Kitchen •Garage •EPC = TBA

£210,000



- Modern Second Floor
- Apartment •Two Bedrooms
- Very Well Presented
- •En Suite To Master ·Allocated Parking
- •FPC = D

£109.950



- •Two Bed Semi Det
- Lounge With Dining Area
- Rear Garden

 Driveway & Allocated Parking

 EPC = C

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- Extended Semi Detached
- House
 •Two First Floor Bedrooms Ground Floor Bedroom/
- Dining Room
 •Two Bathrooms
- Off Road Parking

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 ◆ Larger gardens
- Detached garage Breakfast kitchen Gas fired central heating
- Bathroom and separate toilet ◆ EPC rating: tbc
 £225,000 FREEHOLD

1 HOLLYOAK WAY, CANNOCK

- - ◆ Communal ground: ◆ Flectric heating
 - ◆ Fully double glazed ◆ EPC rating E (49) £154,950
- £216,950 FREEHOLD



CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE ORIGINALLY BUILT IN THE POPULAR INTERWAR PERIOD Located in A Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town

- Reception hall and
 ◆ Garage and well stocked gardens
- Gas fired central
- Refitted breakfast heating
- kitchen and utility
- ◆ Fully double glazed ◆ Four bedrooms
- ♦ Intruder alarm Ensuite and refitted
 - ◆ EPC rating D (64)

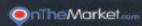
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- DETACHED CHALET STYLE THREE BEDRO
 Located In Popular Quiet Cul-De-Sac Con
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 Lounge and dining room

 ♣ Integral garag
- Breakfast kitchen
- Bathroom (ground floor)

- ♦ Well stocked gardens Gas fired central heating

£265,000 FREEHOLD

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286 LONGFORD ROAD, CANNOCK.



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Enclosed porch

All windows double
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- ◆ Enclosed po
 ◆ Lounge
 ◆ Dining room
 ◆ Kitchen
 ◆ Utility room
 ◆ Landing
 ◆ Two double
 bedrooms
- bedrooms
 Nursery/stude
 occasional bethree
- ◆ Oil fired central heating
 ◆ Detached garage with rear store
 ◆ Range of outbuildings including office/workshop and kennels
 ◆ Extensive gardens
 ◆ EPC rating D (58)

10 PRICE STREET, CANNOCK



- lounge/dining area
- Refitted kitchen
- Landing Two bed

 - Inspection essential **£110,000 FREEHOLD €** (49)

- - Utility and shower

£225,000 FREEHOLD

324 OLD HEDNESFORD ROAD, CANNOCK



CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGAL LOW Occupying Mature Gardens Extending To Approx. 0.387 Of An Acre Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- and shower room

- ◆ Side reception hall ◆ Intruder alarm
- Fitting dining kitchen
- Mature well stocked
 - ◆ FPC rating D (67)

◆ Toilet (front floor) ◆ EPC rating D (64) £169,950 FREEHOLD

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BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE
Located In Much Sought After
Residential Area Of The Town

- Reception hall and
 ◆ Well stocked
- ◆ Two recention rooms Breakfast kitchen
- and utility heating
- Integral double width ◆ EPC rating: 71

INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED THREE BEDROOM DETACHED HOME Occupying Corner Plot Gardens In Popular Residential Area of the Town

- ◆ Double glazed conservatory

- ◆ EPC rating tbo

heating

Integral garage

◆ Gas fired centra

11 LANGDALE GREEN, CANNOCK

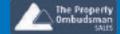


AN IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED
MID MEWS HOUSE
Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre
Enclosed porch

Three bedrooms

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Three bedrooms
 ◆ Refitted bathroom Refitted kitcher Gas central heating
- ◆ Landing £124,995 FREEHOLD (54)







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◆ Well stocked

· Gas central heating

- ♦ 3 reception rooms ◆ Garage
- Fitted kitchen ◆ Utility room and
 - gardens with stream
- Four double
- ♦ Ensuite shower room and family bathroom ◆ EPC rating C (71)
- £295.000 FREEHOLD

21 PENDLE HILL, HEDNESFORD



- ◆ Gas fired central hea
 ◆ Fully double glazed
- Refitted shower
- - room ◆ EPC rating t £184,950 FREEHOLD

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED EXTENDED

131 NEWHALL STREET, CANNOCK



DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS CONSERABLY
EXTENDED AND IMPROVED FOUR
BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY
RESIDENCE OF CHARACTER
ocated In Much Sought After Residential Area
Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- ◆ Enclosed porch and ◆ Refitted family reception hall bathroom
- Lounge and dining Built on garage and
- room gardens
- Fitted breakfast Fully double glazed
- kitchen Gas fired central
- Four bedrooms heating
- ► Ensuite shower room ◆ EPC rating E (41)

£349.950 FREEHOLD

84 STAFFORD ROAD, HUNTINGTON



IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED END
MEWS HOUSE

- Located Within Reach of Facilities At the Town Centre

- - **£112,500 FREEHOLD €** (51)
- Gas fired central heating

room and family Sitting room/

OLD MANOR FARM, 68 NORTON LANE, GREAT WYRLEY



AND WELL EQUIPPED CHARACTERFUL 4/5
BEROOMED DETACHED COTTAGELocated
In A Popular Residential Area Of The Village
With Well Stocked Gardens Extending To
Approximately 1/3 Of an Acre

\$\frac{\text{A}}{2}\$ recently rooms
\$\frac{\text{A}}{2}\$ \text{Ensulis shower} ♦ 3 reception rooms ♦ En-suite shower

- bedroom 5
- bathroom ◆ cloakroom with WC ◆ Off road parking
- Conservatory
- Refitted kitchen and breakfast room
- and predominantly

Gas centrally heater

◆ EPC rating E (49)

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WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM THREE STOREY MEWS

- HC Located In The Sought After Ga ◆ Lounge od Development Of Hollyoak Wa

- Study/playroom ◆ Fully double glazed

♦ Three double bedrooms ♦ Allocated parking spa ♦ Family bathroom ♦ EPC Rating: C (75) £169,950 FREEHOLD

3 STONEY CROFT, CANNOCK



- ◆ Gas central heating
 ◆ Fully double glazed
 - Detached garage ◆ EPC rating D (64) £225,000 FREEHOLD

£335,000 FREEHOLD

£439,950 FREEHOLD 50 NEW PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK



IMMACULATE WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE OCCUPYING LANDSCAPED GARDENS Located In This Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town Convenier For Facilities At The Town Centre Reception hall and

- cloakroom
- ◆ Lounge◆ Refitted open plan
- dining kitchen Refitted utility room
- ◆ Double glazed
- Four double
- ensuite shower roo Gas fired central
- All windows double
- ♦ EPC rating D (67)

glazed

11 BOGNOP ROAD, ESSINGTON



WELL EQUIPPED DETACHED FIVE BEDROOMED FAMILY RESIDENCE OCCUPYING CORNER PLOT in This Popular South Staffordshire Village onvenient For Access To Surrounding Towns and Motorway Network

- ◆ Gas fired central

- ◆ Five bedrooms ◆ En-suite showe

- room

 ◆ Family bathroom

 ◆ Corner plot garde

 ◆ Detached double

 - ♦ Intruder alarm

APARTMENT 1 SANDY COURT, SANDY LANE, CANNOCK

heating

◆ EPC rating E (56)

£339,950 FREEHOLD

HEATHFIELD HOUSE



INDIVIDUAL ARCHITECT DESIGNED FIVE BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE LOCATED IN PRIME SHOAL HILL AREA OF THE TOWN

EPC Rating 72

PRICE - £845,000 **FREEHOLD**



3 THE MEADOWS, WEDGES MILLS

£359,950 FREEHOLD

Refitted kitchen

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MOST SPACIOUS WELL APPOINTED FIVE BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE PROVIDING ACCOMMODATION ON THREE FLOORS Located Much Sought After Cui-De-Sac Development In This Popular South Staffordshire Village

- ◆ Double width

TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY
Built In The Popular Interwar Period With Views To
Paddocks At Rear
ntrance lobby

The Company of the Comp

◆ Detached garage

- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Two reception rooms
- Utility and cloakro
- Double glazed
- conservatory
- ◆ Bathroom and two

double glazed

Gas fired central

◆ EPC rating: C (72) En-suite shower room 23 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, WEDGES MILLS

Lounge area Secure gated off road pa Gas central heating

◆ Fully double glazed ◆ EPC Rating C (78) **£179,950**



THREE BEDROOMED MID TERRACED HOUSE Convenient For Facilities At The Village Centre

Sitting room ◆ Dining room

◆ Fully double glazed

♦ Kitchen

 Gas central heating ◆ Parking/garden to rear ◆ No Chain

Three bedroom **£84,950 FREEHOLD** □ (66)

◆ Three bedro £156,950 FREEHOLD

◆ Dining room

◆ Fully double glazed
◆ Gas fired central he

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Lyndhurst Road.



Farm Court.

Hednesford £105.000

Newhall Crescent **Heath Hayes** £179,950



Olde Hall Lane £280,000 **Great Wyrley**



Baswich Crest.



Stephenson Way,



Price Street.



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Stafford £225,000

Heather Road. Hednesford



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Highfields Road.



Pye Green Road,



Cherry Bank, Hednesford



£425.000

Norton Lane **Great Wyrley**



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Walkmill Lane, Cannock

£191,245

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Shropshire Close



£178,745

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Walkmill Lane, Cannock

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Shropshire Close

£129,995





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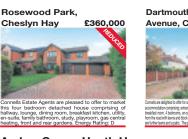




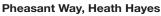
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Amber Grove, Heath Hayes



£310,000

£132,500





Bromstead Crescent, Stafford



heating (where specified) front and rear gardens and off road parking. Energy rating: D.





Horseshoe Drive, Wimblebury



Wood Lane, Wedges Mills

Offers over £134,950





Honeysuckle Way, Great Wyrley



Lingfield Road, Norton Canes

£315,000



nce hall, lounge, conservatory, dining area, breakfast kitchen, utility area, downstairs wc, study, gym, five oms, bathroom, en-suite, garage, off road parking with front and rear gardens. Energy rating: D.

Ansty Drive, Heath Hayes



kitchen, study / sitting room, bathroom, double glazing (where specified), rear garden, driveway providing off

Elder Close, Cannock



bathroom, gas central heating and double glazing (where specified) and a driveway providing off road parking

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The Green



Three bedroom detached house / Grade II character property / Gravel drive for several vehicles / Separate office-studio £400,000

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Three bedroom detached bungalow / Inner hallway / Integral garage / Block drive for several vehicles / Front & rear gardens / EPC: D

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Walsall Road



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Rokholt Crescent

Norton Hall Lane



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Church Road

Littleworth Hill



our bedroom detached house / Large rear gan ' Utility, WC & garage / Shower room & family bathroom / Drive for several vehicles / EPC: D

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Trentham Close



Vell presented four bedroom detached ho / Double garage / Breakfast kitchen / Utility, guest WC & garage / En-suite to master / EPC: D

Bentons Lane



our bedroom detached house / Situated on corner plot / En-suite to master / Detached single garage / Tarmac drive for two vehicles / EPC: O

Offers in Excess of £230.000 St Johns Close



Three bedroom detached house / Quiet corner plot / Large rear garden / Driveway for several vehicles / Integral garage

Offers in Excess of £230,000 Thistle Drive

easant and spacious three bedroom detache house / Quiet location / Reception hallway / Fully fitted kitchen / WC & garage / EPC: D

Horseshoe Drive



Four bedroom detached house / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Integral garage / Two en-suites / Drive for two vehicles / EPC: C



Three bedroom semi detached house Situated in guiet cul-de-sac location / Good sized garage / Private rear garden





om Detached House / Cul-De-Sac eakfast Kitchen / Spacious Red

Cowley Green



Open plan lounger-diner / WC & conservatory / Drive for several vehicles / Garage / EPC: F

Broadhurst Green



Immaculate three bedroom detached house / Set over three floors / Impressive open plan living area

Mountain Pine Close



W.C / Private Rear Garden / Garage / Drive For Two Vehicle

Rawnsley Road



/ Off road parking for three vehicles / large conservatory to rear / Cul-de-sac location

Burntwood Road



Two bedroom semi detached bungalow / Conver garage area / Modern conservatory / Good sized south-facing rear garden / Drive for two vehicles

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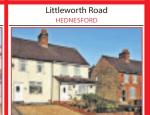
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Two Bedroom End Terraced House / Spacious Open Plan Kitchen & Dining Room / Private Rear Garden

Bank Street

£140.000



Well presented traditional three bedroom terrace house with garage / Family bathro / Off road parking for one vehicle / EPC: C

Station Road



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Cannock Road

Coulthwaite Way



Two Bedroom Semi Detached House / Lounge-Diner / Double Bedrooms / Rear Garden / Driveway



Three bedroom semi detached house / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Access to loft space / Good sized rear garden / EPC: D

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car parking spaces / Front & rear gardens /



Conservatory / Breakfast Kitchen / Off Road Parking / Garage

Cemetery Road



parking / Paved front yard / Wrought iron railing borders / Shared access path to side



Three bedroom mid terrace house /

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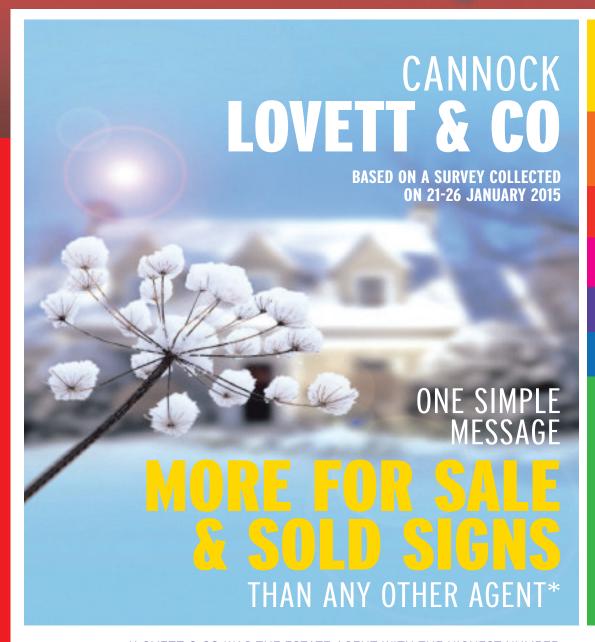
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Wedges Mills



Wolverhampton Road

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Oxford Road

£155.000

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Tudor Road



Littleworth Road

£140,000

£250,000

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Hednesford

£115,000

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Heath Hayes



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Hednesford Road



fantastic opportunity to live in a period property with a modern feel, this terraced home is in ideal town centre location and has off road parking to the rear. The spacious accommodation eans that it makes an idea family home or a first time purchase. Epc Rating = D.

Howard Crescent

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- •Hall,W.C,Lounge Utility

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- Kitchen/Diner Town

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- Hallway.

- Lounge/Diner Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Sep W.C.
- 2 reception Rooms Refitted Kitchen
- Four Bedrooms

- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage

COLLIERS WAY



- Ground Floor Flat
- Communal Hallway
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Communal Parking

RAWNSLEY ROAD

HEDNESFORD

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HEDNESFORD ROAD

- Extended Semi Detached
- Reception Hallway Lounge/Diner
- Breakfast Kitcher • 4 Bedrooms, 2
- En-Suites • Guests w.c

• Dining Room

- Lounge
- Dining Roon
- Hall, Study,
- Detached Home Guests w.c.
- Breakfast Kitchen • Utility Room

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- Hall, Lounge

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 - Dining Roon G.C.H. D.Glazed

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ORION ROAD



- Detached Home

- Kitchen, 3 Bedroom
- Hallway, Lounge
- Sun Room/Rec 3 • Refitted Kitchen
- 4 Bed Det
- Hall, Guests w.c.

- Gardens, Garage

Dining Room

- - Family Bathroom

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- 1st Floor Apartment Bathroom
- Communal Hallway
- Lounge, Kitchen • Upvc D.Glazed
- 2 Bedrooms.
- · Storage Heating
- Allocated Parking

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LITTLEWORTH ROAD

- · Through Hallway
- Lounge, Kitchen/Diner
- Detached Bungalow • 2 Double Bedrooms • Refitted Bathroom

HEDNESFORD

HEATH STREET

- Fully Refurbished
 - Upvc D.Glazed

- Three Storey
 - Lounge,
- Detached Home



- Utility, Guest W.C.
- · Four Bedrooms
- · Detached Garage

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RAILWAY VIEW

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TAME GROVE



- Semi Bungalow • Bedroom
- Hallway
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen • Garden

HEDNESFORD SWALLOWFIELDS DRIVE

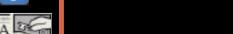


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- Kitchen, Utility • Four Bedrooms
- Hallway, Lounge
- · Family bathroom
- En-Suite
- Ample Parking

End Terraced House

- Through Hallway
- Lounge/Diner

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ST JOHNS ROAD

- Bathroom • Separate W.C.
- Extensive Gardens

Impressive Det Cottage Set within private grounds

- Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen • Dining Area, Guest WC
- Five Beds, 2 En-Suites
- · Family Bathroom
- Det. Oak Frame games room
- •P/P FOR 3 BED COTTAGE

HEATH HAYES

BROWNHILLS

PELSALL ROAD

CHURCHBRIDGE FORGE CLOSE



- 3 Bed Semi detached Lounge/Diner
- Through
- Hallway, W.C.
- Fitted Kitchen
- Ample off
- Bathroom
 - Landscaped Gardens
- Porch, Hallway
- Dining Room •Lounge,Sun Room

DEER CLOSE

- •Study,Kitchen,utility
- en-suite,Bathroom
- · Gardens, Driveway
- •Garage, No Chain

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Two Bedrooms

Utility

- Detached Family Home
- Hallway, Guests w.c
- Lounge
- Dining Room



- Breakfast Kitchen
- 4 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- En-Suite
- Det. Garage

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CANNOCK STIRLING PLACE



- 1 Bed Semi Det
- Bungalow
- Lounge/diner
- Through hallway
- Conservatory • Refitted Kitchen Refitted Bathroom
- Ample Parking
- Semi Detached
 - Through Hallway
- - Conservatory
 - Guest W.C.
 - Two Bedrooms Kitchen

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CHERRY BANK

• Bathroom

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- Maisonette
- Lounge, Diner
- Reftted Kitchen
- Refitted Bathroom D.Glazed Driveway

• 2 Double Bedrooms

- Terraced House
- Lounge
- Dining Room Fitted Kitchen

HEDNESFORD ROAD



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- Detached
- 4 Bedrooms Bathroom
- Hall, Guests w.c Open Lounge/
- En-Suite
- Bathroom

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- Detached Family Home

- Kitchen/Diner Conservator
- Utility Room
- Gardens

• 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom

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 Kitchen

Double Glazing

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 Kitchen

2 Bedrooms

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Garden

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Heating

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- 3 Bedrooms Gas Central
- Double Glazing Rear GardenParkingEPC Rating E

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- House
 Lounge
 Dining Room
 Kitchen
 2 Bedrooms
- Oil Central Heating
 Double Glazing
- Cellar
- Parking

 EPC Rating E

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CHALFONT COURT



- Unfurnished2nd Floor Lounge
- 2 Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating

 Double Glazing
- Allocated Parking
 PEPC Rating C

WIMBLEBURY

NELSON DRIVE

- Unfurnished
 Ground Floor Flat
 Lounge
 Kitchen
 2 Bedroom
 Bathroom
 Heating
 Double Glazing
 Parking

 - Parking EPC Rating C

CANNOCK BEECH TREE COURT

OUR APPLICATION FEE IS £216 Including VAT or £312 Including VAT - DEPENDANT ON CIRCUMSTANCES'

- Unfurnished
 2nd Floor Flat
 Open Plan
 Lounge/Kitchen
 2 Bedrooms
 Bathroom
 Gas Central
 Heating
 Double Glazing
 Parking
- EPC Rating C

WEDGES MILLS

WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD



- - 2 Bedrooms
 Bathroom Gas Central
 - Garage

HUNTINGTON

REDWING DRIVE



- Unfurnished
- - House
 Lounge
 Kitchen
 2 Bedrooms
 Bathroom
 Gas Central
 Heating
 - Double Glazing
 - Garden
 Parking
 EPC Rating C

CANNOCK

WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD



- - First Floor Flat
 Protected Access
 Lounge
 Kitchen
 1 Bedroom
 Shower Room
 Double Glazing
 Parking
 EPC Rating C

WIMBLEBURY

HAMILTON CLOSE



- Unfurnished
 Ground Floor Flat
 Lounge
 Kitchen
 1 Bedroom
 Bathroom
 Heating
 Double Glazing
 Parking
- Parking
 EPC Rating D





Property Management



Residential

Lettings

- Allocated parking
 Irooms Phone entry system
 Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS heating ◆ Fully double glazed
 - smokers or D

 EPC rating: C

BEECH TREE LANE, CANNOCK

on Centre

◆ Off road parking

◆ Security phone intercom

◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS

◆ EPC rating: C

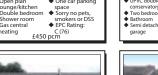
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- k Park To Rear ◆ Fully double ◆ Entrance hall ◆ Landing ◆ Open plan
- smokers or EPC Rating: heating







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- ◆ Conn... grounds and parking ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS allowed ◆ EPC rating: D (66)

◆ Fully double



- Double glazed





HEDNESFORD

◆ Lounge ◆ Dining room ◆ Kitchen & utility

- wo bedrooms

- MED SMI DETACHED HOUSE

 Adjoining Public Open Space

 Gas fired central heating

 Fully double glazed

 Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers

 EPC rating: D

 (68)





- LOCacco

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 L ◆ EPC rating: C (73) £595 pcm



- Off road parking





3 PARK STREET, CHESLYN HAY

garden

allowed ◆ EPC rating: D (61) £575 pcm



HEDNES-FORD
THREE BEDROOM SEMI
DOFTACHED HOUSE
Located in Popular Residential Area

Lounged fining

Off road parking
room

Kitchen

Three bedrooms

Folly double glazed

Gas central heating

EEC aring: D (67)

BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located in Popular Residential Area

Lounge Fully double
Dining kitchen

Built-on garage
Two bedrooms
Sorry no DSS,
Bathroom smokers or pets
Gas central
Beating (66)



◆ EPC rating: E

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Sorry no pets,

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Lounge
Dining kitchen
Conservatory
Three bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas central
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- ns Refitted kitcher

- Driveway providing ample off road parking

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Awaiting EPC raiting £174,950

HEATH HAYES



- Double glazing, electric heating
 Lounge/diner, Modern fitted kitcher
- Modern bathroom Good sized bedrooms
- Ideal first time buy or investment
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- EPC rating D

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 Garage & driveway
 Popular location
 Awaiting EPC rating
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HEATH HAYES FAIRFIELD DRIVE

£184,950

- A two bedroom detached bungalo Gas central heating and double gla Lounge, kitchen Master bedroom with fitted wardro
- Conservatory Side and rear garden Block paved driveway
- Block paves =
 EPC rating D
 £172,000

NORTON CANES



- Refitted kitchen, ground floor wet room
- 'P' shaped consi

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- Off road parking CLOSE TO TOWN CENTRE
- EPC rating B

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GREAT WYRLEY NORTON LANE

- Exquisite detached residence
 Extended and beautifully improved
 Superb reception hall guest WC
 Lounge, dining room, study
 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms
 Sylish kitchen / family room
 Utility, garage/store, drive, gardens
 EPC rating D

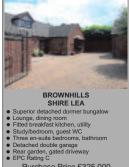
Offers around £425,000



BLOXWICH, 'THE BUNGALOW' YIELDSFIELD HALL FARM

- Deceptively spacious bungalow
 Large plot, private drive
 Double detached garage
 Z reception rooms, guests w.c.
 Fitted kitchen, laundry, utility
 Ground floor bedroom, bathroom
 Two first floor bedrooms
 EPC Rating E

- - Offers around £380,000



- - Purchase Price £325,000



PENKRIDGE FULLMOOR CLOSE

- Fabulous detached residence
 Picturesque village location
 Lounge, dining room, kitchen
 Conservatory, utility, guest WC
 Master bedroom with ensuite
 Two further bedrooms, bathroom
 Sardens, driveway parking, garage
 EPC rating to follow

Offers around £269,950



CLAYHANGER BRANSDALE ROAD

- Three storey detached property
 Lounge, fitted kitchen/diner
 Playroom, guest WC
 Five bedrooms
 Master with ensuite
 Family bathroom
 Rear garden, front driveway
 EPC rating C

- - Offers around £262,000



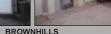
BROWNHILLS WATLING STREET

- Family detached residence
 Reception hall, lounge, conservatory
 Fitted dining kitchen, utility, wet room
 Three bedrooms, bathroom
 Annexe with lounge, bedroom and shapes.

Purchase price £250,000

CHURCHBRIDGE





Master with ensuite

- Family detached property
- · Fitted kitchen, utility • Guest WC, integral garage
 Offers around £260,000
- Lounge, dining room
- - Family bathroom EPC rating C

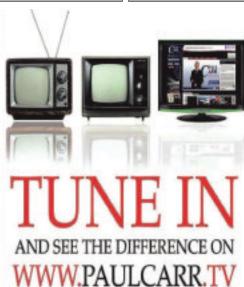
BULRUSH CLOSE



WALSALL WOOD

- Through lounge/dining room
- Fitted kitchen, conservatory

- SHIRE RIDGE Family detached property
- Tandem garage
- Block paved driveway
- EPC Rating TBC Offers around £230,000



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- Dining area, guest WC
 Fitted kitchen, utility
 4 double bedrooms
 Ensuite, family bathroom
 Garage, drive, gardens
 EPC rating C



GREAT WYRLEY LONG LANE

SIMILAR REQUIRED

SOLD

- Extended traditional semi
 Prime location with fields to rear
 Well presented accommodation
 Two reception rooms, conservator
 Klichen, utility, shower room
 Three bedrooms, bathroom
 Lovely gardens, driveway, garage
 EPC rating C

Offers around £184,995



HAMMERWICH PARK ROAD

 Link detached burgare
 Lounge, dining area
 Fitted kitchen, utility
 Two bedrooms
 Shower room
 Driveway
 Front & rear gardens
 EPC rating D

Offers arounce Offers around £184,950



CHESLYN HAY SUTHERLAND ROAD

- Immaculate semi-detached hous Popular village location Through lounge / dining room Stunning fitted kitchen 3 bedrooms, beautiful bathroom Rear garden, driveway parking Long carport / garage, EPC rating C
 - Offers Around £169,950



BROWNHILLS SIMMONDS WAY

- Detached property
- Lounge, dining room
 - Front & rear gardens
 - EPC TBC
 Offers around £169.950





••• NO CHAIN •••

Link detached bungalow

Lounge, breakfast kitchen

Refurbished interiors

GREAT WYRLEY QUINTON AVENUE

- - Shower room. Garden room
 - Parking, garage, gardens

en • EPC rating D
Offers around £169.950



- LOVE LANE
- Extended semi-detached property
 Requires some modemisation
 Prime village location
 Lounge / family room, dining room
 Breakfast kinchen, d/stairs bathroom
 Four bedrooms, ensuite WC
 Gardens, driveway, garage
 EPC rating D



BROWNHILLS OGLEY ROAD

- Offers around £164,950



Kitchen, guest WC/utility

• Three bedrooms

BROWNHILLS MERLIN CLOSE

- Three storey townhouse
 Lounge
 Fitted kitchen
 Conservatory, guest WC
 Three bedrooms
 Master with ensuite
 Garage in block, garden
 EPC Rating B
- Purchase price £160,000



Offers around £159,950



Offers around £155,000



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Offers around £167,000

- Four bedrooms
 Bathroom, showe
 Front & rear gard
 NO CHAIN
 EPC Rating C
 - Purchase Price £150,000



Norton Canes Brownhills Clayhanger

Sandhills Walsall Wood **Heath Hayes**







LICHFIELD ROAD

- Dining room, extended lounger
- Extended fitted kitchen, utility
- Three bedrooms

 EPC rating TBC Offers around £139.950

Driveway

Front & rear gardens



- Master with ensure, barriot.
 Two allocated parking spaces
 VIEWING ESSENTIAL
 EPC Rating C Offers around £139,500



PENKRIDGE

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- Off road parking, garden NO CHAIN
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- Suit F.T.B or rental market • Lounge, modern bathroom
- Spacious 3 bedroom
- CH, DG. Private rear gardens.
- accommodation
- EPC rating C

Offers around £107,000



- GREAT WYRLEY NORFOLK GROVE

- - Offers around £109,000



- ground floor apartme modern development lazed, electric heating Impressive lounge, fitted kitche
 2 double bedrooms, bathroom
 Allocated parking space
 Communal gardens, no chain
 EPC Rating C
- Offers over £105,000







WALSALL WOOD LICHEIELD ROAD

- Two reception rooms

- Kitchen/breakfast room Two bedrooms
- Off road parking Rear garden
- EPC rating D
 Purchase Price £104.950



- par garden, off road parking intral heating, double glazing C Rating E
 - Offers around £99,950



- Allocated parking
 Canal views, NO CHAIN
 EPC Rating C
 - Purchase Price £85,000

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£365,000

Superbly presented six bedroom detached home in popular position. Situated on a gated large garden plot the property must be viewed to appreciate. There are three reception rooms and an exceptional kitchen with six good size bedrooms and three bathrooms. There is also a double garage and plentiful parking









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Spacious and well presented four bedroom detached family home in prime residential area. Internal inspection is highly recommended, stunning lifestyle kitchen with open plan dining room, large lounge, four good size bedrooms, two modern bathrooms. Garage and parking feature with private gardens, No Chain



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Canterbury Drive, Rugeley

- Well presented two bedroom town house
- Ideal FTB/ Investment purchase
- Re carpeted and redecorated, No Chain
- Hallway, guest wc, lounge, kitchen
- Two bedrooms, gardens and parking

£129,950 Guide Price

Salisbury Close, Rugeley



- One bedroom first floor apartment
- Ideal FTB/ Investment purchase, No
- Redecorated and re carpeted recently
- Lounge, kitchen, bathroom, bedroom
 Parking and rear garden with storage

£94,950 Offers Invited



St Johns Drive, Rugeley

- Detached coach house in popular location
- Ideal FTB/ Investment purchase, No Chain
- Hallway, lounge, kitchen bedroom and bathroom
- Parking space and garage, private rear
- Superb value, viewing essential

£110.000

£169,950





- Well presented three bedroom semi
- Ideal FTB/ Investment purchase
- Hallway, lounge, kitchen, dining room
 Three bedrooms, modern bathroom
- Garage and gardens, viewing essential £124.950 Guide Price

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Middle Croft, Rugeley

- Stunning Charles Church detached home
- Four bedrooms and two bathrooms
- Hallway, lounge, fabulous living kitchen
- Front and rear gardens with garage and parking
- Overlooking canal. must be viewed

£235.000 Guide Price



Handle Cottage, Slitting Mill

- Character cottage in popular Village location
- Stunning rural views to rear of property
- Lounge, dining kitchen, bathroom
- Two good size bedrooms, beams and period features
- Gardens, Offered with No Chain

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Chester Road, Rugeley

- Four bedroomed detached family home
- Rare and unique position backing onto Cannock Chase
- Stunning views and private drive position
- Two reception rooms, conservatory, kitchen
- Four bedrooms, two bathrooms, Gardens

£249,995 Guide Price



Waverley Gardens, Etching

- Detached two bedroom bungalow in prime location
- Superb views over countryside, good size garden
- Two good size bedrooms, bathroom, lounge
- Conservatory, kitchen, garage and carport No chain, all sensible
- offers considered

£177,500 Offers Considered





- Traditional property close to town
- Hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen
 Three good size bedrooms, bathroom
 Gardens and paved frontage, No Chain
- Must be viewed, Ideal FTB/ Investment £119.950 Offers Invited



Cheviot Drive, Rugeley

- Good size link detached family home
- Large corner garden plot with garage
- Three good sized bedrooms, bathroom
- Large lounge with kitchen/ diner
- Gardens, driveway, must be viewed

£134,950



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Greenfields Drive, Rugeley



- . Spacious three/ four bedroom semi detached
- Good size extended accommodation, must be viewed
- Large lounge, conservatory, breakfast kitchen
- Gardens, driveway and No Chain

£146.950



Hampton Court, Rugeley

- Three bedroom detached family home
- Popular cul de sac position, viewing essential
- Hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen
- Three spacious bedrooms, two bathrooms
- Private gardens, extensive driveway

£189,950 Guide Price



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Fortescue Lane, Rugeley

- Charming two bedroom terraced property
- Close to town centre and popular location
- Hallway, large lounge/ dining room, kitchen
- Two good size
- bedrooms, bathroom Front and rear gardens, must be viewed

£129950





- Well presented four bedroom
- Popular location, Viewing essential
- Hallway, guest wc, refitted kitchen
 Lounge, dining room, two bathrooms
- Gardens, garage and driveway



Cross Road, Rugeley

- Truly exceptional extended semi detached property
- Superb specification and décor throughout
- Hallway, large lounge, shower room, three bedrooms
- Fabulous kitchen and living area, bathroom
- Manicured gardens, driveway and outbuilding

£185.000



Avonlea Gardens, Rugeley

- Well presented three bedroom semi detached
- Good location with No **Upward Chain**
- Hallway, lounge, kitchen, conservatory
- Three bedrooms. modern bathroom
- Gardens to front and rear, driveway

We're Selling... Are You..? **CALL US FOR YOUR FREE**



Newman Grove, Rugeley

- Good size and well presented end terraced
- Large corner plot with workshop/ garage to rear
- Three bedrooms, refitted
- kitchen and bathroom Conservatory, hallway,
- lounge, utility room No Chain, viewing essential

£132,500



Levett Grange, Rugeley

- Beautifully presented detached family home
- Corner position with gardens and garage
- Large lounge, guest wc, impressive kitchen
- Three good size beds, two bathrooms
- Must be viewed, superb

£194,950



Armitage Road, Rugeley



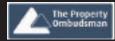
- Traditional three bedroom semi detached
- Extended and must be viewed
- Hallway, lounge, dining room, refitted kitchen Conservatory, large bathroom, three
- Large frontage and good size rear garden



Lea Hall Lane, Rugeley

- Spacious semi detached dormer bungalow
- Good location and viewing essential
- Four bedrooms, refitted shower room
- Hallway, guest wc, lounge, kitchen
- Garage, gardens and driveway

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Offered With No Onward Chain Fully Refurbished Ground Floor Well Maintained Development Close To Local Amenities And Hednesford Town Centre Entrance Hall Lounge With Dining Area Well Fitted Kitchen Bedroom With Fitted Wardrobes Newly Fitted Bathroom Suite

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ST MICHAELS ROAD, BRERETON

Offered with No Onward Chain Porch Hallway Lounge Dining Kitchen Conservatory Ground Floor Bathroom Three Bedrooms First Floor w.c. Off Road Parking Rear Enclosed Garden

£112,995



TRENT VIEW CLOSE, RUGELEY

Traditional 1930s Family Home Quiet Cul-De-Sac Entrance Hall Living Room Dining Room Kitchen Guest Cloakroom Three Bedrooms Family Bathroom Detached Garage Generous Rear Gardens Easy Walking Distrace to Rugeley Town Centre and All Amenities

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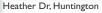
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Bromley Close, Hednesford



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Viewing is recommended on this immaculately presented two bedroom modern semi detached property located within a cul-de-sac.

Ebenezer Street, Hednesford



£112,500

Viewing is recommended on this much improved one bedroom semi detached bungalow being sold with vacant possession.

Lupin Drive, Huntington

with vacant possession

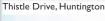


Viewing is recommended on this 40% shared

ownership two bedroom ground floor apartment

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Viewing is recommended on this well presented one bedroom ground floor maisonette with own gardens and conservatory.





£200.000

A well presented three bedroom double fronted house being sold with no upward chain. Viewing recommended.

Mount Street, Hednesford



£115,000

This well presented two bedroom, modern semi detached property with rear parking is being sold with vacant possession.

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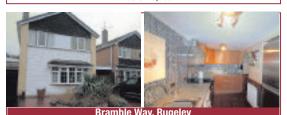
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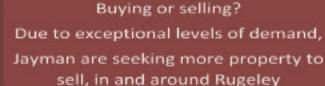
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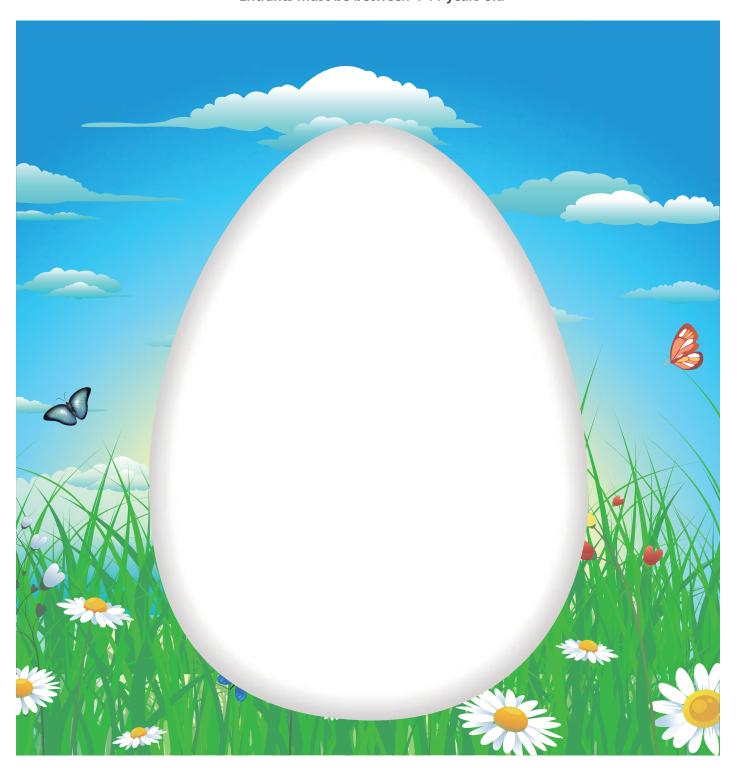
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Invincible car a fine choice

By Matt Joy

Porsche's range of GTS models are turning out to be the aces in the pack; now there's a Cayenne version to join the line up.

The Cayenne has only just been updated, gaining internal and external tweaks, but in GTS form, it gets its own set of upgrades: there's a unique exterior styling package, which includes a body-coloured styling kit, larger matte-finished alloy wheels and GTS badging.

Mechanically, the GTS gets a new turbocharged V6 engine to replace the old naturally aspirated V8, a sports exhaust system, unique suspension tune and some tasty interior kit including Alcantara trim and sports seats.

Where once the Cayenne was something of an acquired taste, it's hard not to find the latest model's design pleasing to



the eye. It certainly looks its sharpest in GTS form; the body-coloured lower section gives it better stance and hides its bulk

Its image is all the better for the GTS makeover too, although even now it's not a car for the shy, retiring type. When you're behind the wheel, it's hard not to feel like a success, which is precisely why it's such a popular choice.

Best

The GTS makes no compromises over the standard car in respect of space for passengers or luggage, so you can expect plenty of both. In fact the Cayenne offers one of the best cabins in the business; the seats are superbly supportive and comfortable with a huge range of adjustment, there's plenty of space front and rear and the boot can carry a stack of suitcases happily. Although it's unlikely to ever venture off-road, it's more than capable of getting you out of a sticky situation, even though the GTS isn't the best version for such adventures.

The biggest change for this latest GTS is the switch to turbocharged power, an inevitable result of the quest for improved emissions and economy. On the one hand, you do lose a little of the character of the old V8 engine, but in truth the V6 still sounds good, offers more power and torque and better fuel consumption.

Like pretty much every Porsche these days, all the mechanical elements blend together beautifully to create a car that just feels right when you're behind the wheel. The engine is powerful and flexible, the gearbox smooth but rapid-shifting when required and it handles with incredible



'Where once the Cayenne was something of an acquired taste, it's hard not to find the latest model's design pleasing to the eye.' verve and precision for a car of this size. On a frozen test track in northern Sweden the GTS drifted and danced its way along the treacherous surface with zero fuss. Yet it's still superbly comfortable when driven normally and can tackle long distances with ease.

The Cayenne GTS isn't a cheap car of course, but compared to the Cayenne S, on which it is based, you get a lot more for your extra cash. The more powerful engine, uprated brakes and suspension, smart bodykit and bigger alloy wheels are all worthwhile upgrades, while inside

there's lots of Alcantara and those lovely sports seats all as standard.

Who would buy it? Many buyers of the Cayenne are Porsche fans who find that the firm's smaller cars no longer fit in with their lifestyle, so the Cayenne is a genuine jack of all trades; families will love it, couples will love the fact that it is comfortable but also capable of towing, and even if you're stuck in the city, the high driving position and presence takes the strain out of stop-start traffic. The short answer then

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Do we really need any more gears?

By David Banner

Car makers are moving rapidly towards smaller engines in the search for greater efficiency and lower emissions. Hand in hand with this development has been an increase in the number of gears we find in the average car's gearbox.

Where once we were used to four speeds in a manual transmission and three in an auto, or four if you were buying at the very premium end of the scale, this is very old hat now. Today, six-speed manuals are the norm, with Porsche pushing this to seven for its

As for automatic gearboxes, which have also evolved into dual-clutch transmissions for improved economy and seamless gear shifts, it's not uncommon to have six, seven, eight or even nine ratios to play with.

Some car makers are already looking at 10 and even

11-speed auto and dual-clutch gearboxes.
While this might be fine for a push bike, where the effort comes from the human rider and has to account for limited power and many different types of road condition, do we really need this many gears in a car?

Would we be better off with fewer gears and cars that just get on with what we want them to do rather than constantly

chopping and changing gear?

First, the case for an increased number of gears. There are two main reasons for more gears: greater fuel economy and lower emissions. To keep the engine in a sweet spot of power at reasonably low revs, you need lots of gears to account for varying conditions, and it also means you can use a smaller, more efficient engine to add to your savings.

There is another reason for car companies moving to more gears and that is simply marketing. More means more, so the more gears as a car has, the better it is, right?

Well, most people who have driven Porsche's latest seven-speed manual gearbox may well disagree and would prefer a six-speeder. So, the case for more gears is as complex as the design of a gearbox itself.

Limited

The case for a return to fewer gears also stems from

While larger luxury cars have the space to accommodates transmissions with lots of gears, smaller cars are much more limited in the space they can offer to mechanical com-

Adding more gears might help economy, but if it impacts on passenger space and practicality, it becomes a pointless saving when the car cannot perform the function it was intended for.

Also, more gears mean more weight and this has a fail

Also, fillow gears filear infore weight and this has a far greater impact in smaller cars than larger ones. In the average supermini, would most drivers really notice if they 'only' had four gears to select from instead of six?

If those four gears' ratios were chosen to offer nippy ac-celeration in town and relaxed motorway cruising, we'd all

Another option is the CVT (continuously variable transmission) gearbox. It uses variable diameter pulleys to deliver an almost infinite number of ratios, which in theory is the

However, these have not proved popular as they make the engine rev hard and make it drone to get up to speed, acceleration is not as brisk as in most autos and fuel econ-

omy is not usually as good as a manual or auto gearbox.

There is some hope on the horizon for those who want fewer gears. Many experts in the auto industry predict cars will become more and more tailored to individuals needs, so as well as the retro looks of many cars, we could see retro-style engineering where cars have only a few well chosen gears for drivers to enjoy.

Or you could just buy an older car and drive that.

DRIVETIME

Citroën C4 now even better after an upgrade

By Matt Kimberley

Citroën used to be a byword for comfort, and we loved it for that. The firm is finally moving back in that direction, and the new C4 is at the forefront.

The C4 has a lot going for it, but upgrades were needed for it to stay with the pack. Tweaks to the headlights and styling details are more or less the extent of the exterior changes, but quality is on an upward trend with new technology and media interface options.

Citroën is quickly rejuvenating an identity: comfort. The press release accompanying the car's launch is crammed full of the word. Citroen is really beginning to feel like a different brand from its sister company Peugeot – and that's good news for both.

The C4 has what you'd call an aggressively French front end. Steeply angled headlight clusters give off an angry vibe, but the rest of the shape is pretty warm and fuzzy.

It's a good-looking car but you'd have a tough time arguing that it matches class leaders for image.

On the other hand, Citroën is doing everything it can to make its brand identity synonymous with comfort. Soon enough the French firm hopes that anyone looking for a comfortable everyday car will make Citroen their first stop. You can't argue with the numbers: the C4 has comfortably

the biggest boot among its direct rivals at 408 litres. That's seven percent or 28 litres bigger than a Volkswagen Golf's. The Skoda Octavia's is bigger again, but that's a much

In the front door pockets you'll find space for those chunky 1.5-litre drinks bottles you find at motorway service stations and takeaways.

The glove box can fit many gloves in it, too, and the only real oversight is that when you pull the floor-mounted luggage net in the boot upwards, it can bring the whole floor

Impression

The petrol and diesel models are surprisingly different to drive. The lighter petrol engine links to an over-light, elastic-feeling steering set-up that doesn't inspire confidence, but the diesel's calibration is more linear, more predictable

and gives you the impression of more feel.

In total opposition to Peugeot's approach with the 308, the C4's steering is snail-slow. It takes more turning action to get this car turned in – an impression exaggerated by the huge steering wheel.

The new automated manual gearbox is, thankfully, a vast improvement over previous units. You'd seriously consider buying one, now.

This C4 rides very well, too, especially over smoothly un-

dulating folds in the road. Flex in the suspension means that sharper bumps can knock it slightly off its line, especially in corners, but not by an exceptional amount.

The C4 is a decently refined cruiser, especially for such a

relatively reasonable asking price.

Seeing the range top out at a whisker over £20,000 is a surprise. Rivals cost significantly more and you'd argue that there's not much about the C4, in high-end Flair trim at least, that feels particularly cheap. You get a lot of space for your pound, too, and especially in the case of the diesel you get super-low running costs.

A family that prioritises comfort and budget would love the C4. Five useful seats, lots of standard safety equipment and even more on the options list make it a very handy fam-

But it's also a confident cruiser and will return decent fuel economy if driven steadily, so company car buyers might want to take a look.

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Showing a unique an Adam

Vauxhall retailer Stourbridge Motor House is encouraging drivers to showcase their style with Vauxhall's customisable city car; Adam.

Adam is Vauxhall's first-ever personalised urban-chic four-seater, which lets drivers set the trend.

It's fun, funky, fashionable and all about personalisation. It comes in a choice of trims - Jam (fashionable) colourful), Glam (elegant/sophisticated) and Slam (racy/ sporty) - as well as a range of wheel designs, interior trims and body colours. Plus, with colour names like 'Saturday White Fever', 'James Blonde', 'Purple Fiction' and 'Papa Don't Peach', there's never been a more excit-

ing way for owners to portray their inner style.

For even greater choice, the rugged Adam Rocks, open-top Adam Rocks Air and performance-version Adam Grand Slam trims also complement the impressive portfolio.

Michael Casey, general manager at the retailer, said: The Vauxhall Adam can be customised in over a million different ways

"Drivers who are keen to showcase their style and present their personality on the road can chose every detail of their Adam and inject so much of their character into the design of their chosen trim.

"As such, we are inviting fun-loving, fashion-conscious drivers to become mad about the boy and consider the benefits of owning a Vauxhall Adam."

To make Adam more appealing to drivers, until April 6, 2015, customers aged between 21-75 could benefit from free insurance for a year when they buy a new Vauxhall Adam (excluding Grand Slam) via one of two specific finance packages.

In addition, new Adam customers aged between 18 and 20 years could be insured for just £99 for a year when they purchase a new Vauxhall Adam (excluding Grand Slam) via one of the same two specific finance packages and have a Telematics box fitted.

18 - 20 year old drivers could also earn their premium back for driving well.

To be eligible, drivers need to have held a driving license for over a vear.

To find out more about the Vauxhall Adam, and for full details of the insurance offers, eligibility, terms and conditions, contact Stourbridge Motor House at High Street,

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BRAND NEW VAUXHALLS*

You'll stand out from the crowd with the stylish Infiniti Q50

By Sharon Walters

I like to be a little different - not too 'way out' but enough to be distinguished from any other woman of my age. And it's the same with cars. So many today look so alike.

Look around any car park and you'll see what I mean. And how many times have you seen people scanning said car parks to try and find their wheels? Not because they've forgotten exactly where they are, but because they have become confused with the rows and rows of identikit vehicles.

Not so with the Infiniti Q50, and that's just one of the reasons why I like it. It has a bold grille, and sweeping lights making it stand out – especially against its opposition such as the BMW 3 Series and Audi A4.

So we'll start with the looks and styling, inside and out. While it may be a fairly standard four-door saloon, it has more creases and smooth curves along with some nice chrome touches. In fact the curves are made big play of in Infiniti's promotional literature and advertising with the slogan 'Since now the perfect line is a curve' adorning much of it.

Classy

Inside, the interior is relatively classy and hi-tech thanks to the dual touchscreens mounted in the centre console. There's a twin clock binnacle and a steering wheel well covered with minor controls along with two $\vec{\text{big}}$ LCD touch screens in the centre console and a wheel controller.

It's all well put together and there's plenty of kit even in the entry-level SE version which gets 17in alloy wheels and run-flat tyres, LED rear lights, scratch-shield paint, chrometrimmed twin exhaust pipes and halogen daytime running

Then there's the six-speaker stereo with Bluetooth stream ing, USB/iPod connectivity and voice-operation. Spend a bit more and you can upgrade to a Bose system with DAB ra-

Also fitted as standard is a dual-zone adaptive climate control system, 60/40 split rear seats with a ski hatch (not on Hybrid), a multi-function leather-bound steering wheel and front aluminium door sill protectors. There's cruise control. speed limiter, stop-start, hill start assist, rear view camera,

rain sensing wipers and keyless entry.
Safety systems include vehicle dynamic control, including active trace and traction control, tyre pressure warning and

The UK's compact executive market is currently largely driven by sales of diesel cars but the petrol engine has not disappeared yet. The latest generation of efficient small capacity turbocharged petrol engines is taking buyers away from the oil burner.

Infiniti has given the Q50, along with its diesel, a lightweight 1991cc turbocharged petrol four-cylinder engine which develops 350Nm of torque and 211PS of power. Now that's good going made better by Infiniti sending its 211PS to the rear wheels via a slick seven-speed automatic transmission with a flat torque curve beginning down at 1250rpm.

That means you can get to 62mph in a very respectable 7.2 seconds.

First

Specify the car in Sport trim, or pay £800 extra, and you get a world first on a production car with the inclusion of Direct Adaptive Steering (DAS), 'steer by wire' technology. It provides the driver with the ability to adjust both the steering's response and weight to suit personal preferences and type of driving.

You turn the wheel, and it decides how much turn to apply by a motor on the rack. Then a motor at the steering wheel supplies the feedback it believes you need. And there's my slight dislike – you don't get true feedback from the road as sensors work out when the grip limit is near and reduces the weight you feel back through the wheel.

However, the system does work very well indeed with the lane-keeping system which reduces the amount of driver adjustments needed to stay in the chosen lane on motor-

And I found that very useful indeed on one of my regular trips up to Scotland.

This is a most comfortable car. It works very well on country roads and really comes into its own when cruising along the motorway.

It's very well made, with good interior finish and an under stated classy but hi-tech interior.

Prices for the Q50 range start at £27,950 on the road for the 2.2d 6MT. The test car, the 2.0T Sport Automatic, is



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Success in national league

A Stourbridge dealership has motored up the national rankings in Volkswagen's UK network of retailers after scoring highly for customer satisfaction.
Stourbridge Volkswagen,

is part of Trust Group UK and based at Millennium House, Audnam, has jumped from 50th to 30th place in the annual league table of 200 retailers.

The success has come as it nears the end of a £450,000 refurbishment. with its sales and servicing being run from portable cabins on the site while the work is carried out.

The rankings are based on Volkswa-

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Heath Hayes

gen's 'one business scorecard', which monitors and measures each business's performance across sales, after-sales and customer satisfaction.

Simon Volans, brand manager at Stourbridge Volkswagen, said: "We are delighted we have done so well across all areas, especially for customer satisfaction. It is particularly pleasing when you consider the challenges of carrying out major work to our showroom

"The team here has really pulled together to continue to deliver great customer service and our customers have recognised this.'

Andrew Hockedy, managing director of Trust Group UK, which also has sites in Redditch and Wolverhampton.

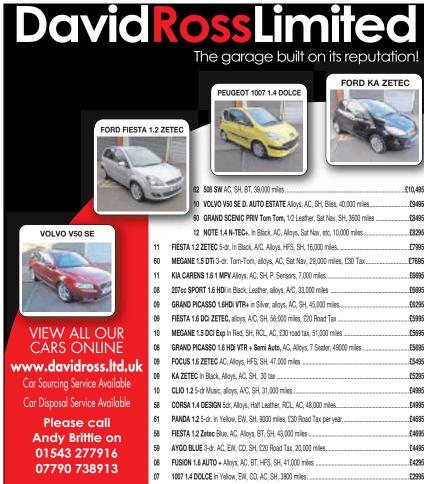
said: "Congratulations to all the team at Stourbridge Volkswagen for this success in the national rankings.

"It is well deserved recognition and shows our decision to invest significantly in the business here was the right one.'

The refurbished showroom, with state-of-the-art customer-focused amenities, is due to open this month. Six new jobs are expected to be created including three new sales positions and a new technician's role

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By Graham Breeze

Audi has given the already successful A6 Allroad a better spec as well as increased performance and improved efficiency.

The A6 has always been one of my favourites in the Audi range, now the availability of Quattro permanent

all-wheel-drive makes this model a stand-out option. Improvements include a range of new and improved op-tional technologies like Matrix beam LED headlights which adapt automatically to the car's surroundings; Audi Connect that lets driver and passengers access the internet and top of the range MMI Satellite Navigation which includes picture book navigation.

Climate control has been improved with digital display as tandard and the Allroad gets double glazing for windscreen and front windows to improve the acoustics in the cabin.

C02 level targets have been improved on the range thanks to gearbox changes, start-stop system improvements and lighter springs meaning that the 3.0TDi Quattro S Tronic on test achieved 149g/km – a reduction of 16g/km.

Fed by a seven-speed gearbox the Aliroad has a top speed of 155mph, went from 0-62mph in 6.2seconds and standing on stylish 20" alloys averaged 50.4mpg.

This 4x4 offering won't take you charging up mountains but it does stick like glue, even in the wet, thanks to adjustable suspension. There's probably a bit more roll than on the saloon model but there's a comfortable ride and an elevated

driving position. Audi has given the Allroad a more muscular appearance too, thanks to extended wheel arches and the raised stance

and impressive looking wheels. There's a lot of competition in this sector and while Audi stands out as the quality benchmark it does all come at a

The model on test starts at £46,000 but the extras on board added another £22,000 which made it a tad on the pricey side at £68,140. You pay extra for Quattro, Head-up

display, the 20" alloys, electric seats, LED headlights, speed limit display, privacy glass and the panoramic sunroof. You'll also have to dig deep to fund a leather package BOSE surround system, night vision assist, Navigation Plus, Audi Connect, cruise control, side assist, lane assist, heated

mirrors and heated mirrors.

But all Audi buyers will know they get what they pay for

and residual values are outstanding on the entire range.

The SatNav system with Google Map imaged in the centre of the driver's console is an outstanding feature while the cabin is a glorious place to be for those impressed by technology and comfort.

There's comfortable seating for five six-footers and while the boot space isn't best in class there's ample room for

everything including a couple of golf club sets.

Audi is giving the entire range a makeover but the Allroad s the stand-out model for me.





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Iconic van still being produced 65 years on

By James Parker

Some retire at the age of 65 - but this one is just getting started! Production of the first Volkswagen Transporter began 65 years ago and the 'Bulli' is still going strong today.

The first models were built in Wolfsburg before pro-

duction started at a new facility in Hanover in 1956. This date also marks the beginning of a unique automotive love story: today, the entire model series has attained cult status. Whether hippy or tradesman

everyone is driving Transporter.
 It all began in 1947 with a pencil sketch: the Dutch car importer Ben Pon saw a simple flat-bed vehicle at the Volkswagen plant and, taking it as a basic idea, he sketched the

outlines of a Transporter with Beetle DNA in his notebook.
Two years later, Volkswagen plant manager, Heinrich Nordhoff, presented four prototypes: two panel vans, a kombi and a small bus. Nordhoff promised that the Transporter would be as uncompromising and robust as the Beetle: "These vehicles won't be handled with kid gloves, rather

they will be treated roughly."

Designers used the engine and axles of the Beetle. Instead of a central tubular frame of the popular family car, the bus had a unitized body that was mounted on a ladder frame. The 1.1-litre engine produced 18 kW (24.5PS) at

The bus could transport up to eight people and the two rear seat rows could be removed easily to free up load space for around 750 kg of payload.

Alfred Haesner, head of technical development of

Volkswagen GmbH from 1948 to 1952, said: "Accordingly this type of commercial delivery vehicle can be used for all branches of business, for rush deliveries and freight, e.g. as a small bus, a special-purpose vehicle, postal vehicle ambulance or mobile station.

Demand

Production began on March 8, 1950, in Hall 1 of the Volkswagen plant in Wolfsburg, and ten vehicles were manufactured per day.

By the end of 1950, 8001 Transporters had already been built. Demand was enormous, especially since its affordable price made it an attractive option to tradesmen and retail

The unique vehicle quickly became an export hit as well Volkswagen buses could simply transport anything and everything: rubble and debris, mortar and building stones,

breakfast rolls and bees wax, cigars and newspapers.

A Volkswagen bus with a camping box made its appear ance in 1951 at the automobile exhibition in Berlin. The delivery van with a rear engine suddenly held the promise of an entirely different type of travel. For the first time, it travelled over the Alps. Later, it was driven to India when hippies discovered the 'Bulli' for themselves.

Four years after its production launch, the 100,000th Volkswagen Transporter came off the assembly line in Wolfsburg in 1954. By this point, there were 30 different models of the vehicle. Daily production in Wolfsburg was at 80 vehicles but it couldn't produce more because the plant was already filled to capacity with Beetle production. It became clear that the Transporter needed its own plant.

Assembly

Construction work began in early March 1955 in Hannover-Stöcken, and the plant was built from the ground up in just one year.

In March 1956, the first "Made in Stöcken" Transporters come off the assembly line. This was the beginning of a future symbol of the 'economic wonder years'. Today, a total of 11 million T-series vehicles spanning five generations have been produced worldwide.

Dr. Eckhard Scholz, chairman of the Bbrand board of

management of Volkswagen commercial vehicles, said: "The production launch of the T1 represented the beginning of a long success story that has lasted right up to today. In the past, as well as the present, there is market demand for extremely reliable, versatile and individual vehicles.

"We deliver them in top quality and precisely tailored to every need – whether the vehicle is for trades work, a retail or service business, family or recreation."

Production of the new generation model, the T6, launches this year. Along with the T-series, the Hannover-Stöcken plant also produces the Amarok pick up.

The successful California recreational vehicle is built not

far away in Limmer.

Around 12,200 people are employed at the Hannover business site of Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles.

The Poznan plant in Poland (5,700 employees) produces the Transporter and the Caddy, and another plant is being built in nearby, Wrzesnia for the new Crafter. Today, a total of around 19,500 employees work for the Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles brand.

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Sheila June

Sheila's Family would like to thank everyone for their heartfelt condolences during their time of loss.

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Passed away peacefully on March 8, 2015 aged 94 years. A very dear Friend will be dearly missed by all.

Service will be held at Bourne Methodist Chapel, Heath Hayes, on Monday, March 23, at 1pm followed by Committal at Stafford Crematorium.

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Funeral Service to be held at Stafford Crematorium on March 20, at 3.00pm.

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away peacefully 12, 2015, aged 66 years.

Elsie

She will be sadly missed by all her Family and Friends.

Funeral Service will be held at Stafford Cremato-rium, on Thursday, March 26, at 11am.

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Of Cannock

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Passed away peacefully March 2, 2015, aged 91 years.

He was Principal of Cannock Chase Technical College from 1962 to 1985 and will be remembered by his Family, Friends and Colleagues.

His Funeral Service will take place on Tuesday, March 24, at 11.30am, at Stafford Crematorium.

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Jim

Our dearly departed Brother passed away March 4, 2015.

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Sisters and Brother Ann, Ben, Beryl, Yvonne, Julie, and their Families.

CRAWFORD

Ian Howard

Passed away peacefully after a long battle, on Tuesday, March 3, 2015.

He will be greatly missed, but remembered only with

remembered only with happiness, by his Wife Jill, Children, Grandchildren, Family and Friends.

In accordance with his wishes

a private cremation has taken place. His life will be celebrated at a later date.

Donations, if desired, can be made via Ian's home address.

made via Ian's home address, and will go towards a new MRI scanning area at North Staffs District Hospital, where Ian was treated with kindness and dignity, throughout his illness.

HALL

John Richard

of Heath Haves

Sadly passed away March 14, 2015, aged 89 years.

Reunited with Wife Doreen.

John will be sadly missed by all his Family and Friends.

Funeral Service and Cremation will take place at Stafford Crematorium on Friday, March 27 at 2.30pm.

Family flowers only.

LANGSTON

Freda Ann

Sadly passed away on Sunday March 8, 2015, aged 79.

We sat beside your bedside and watched you fade away

our hearts were broken, as you fought so hard to stay.

Much loved and missed by Husband Tony, all her Family, Friends and all who knew her.

MARSHMAN

Debbie

Our darling Debbie passed away after a very short illness, aged 53 years, on February 28, 2015.

Her Funeral will take place at

St. Marks Church, Gt. Wyrley, on March 24, at 12.30pm.

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miss vou

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Love Mom and Dad

X X X

Sister Debbie

Rest in Peace.

Love you always.

Chris and Jean. X X X

Niece Debbie

My darling Debbie you were always our baby, you still are. Rest in Peace Sweetheart.

Till we meet again.

Auntie Carole.

X X X

Niece Debbie A garden of beautiful memories, sprayed with a million tears.

Love Auntie Pam and Family

X X X

MITCHELL

Muriel Anne

Passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, March 14, 2015, aged 76 years.

Sadly missed by Husband Shaun, Daughter Fiona and Son-in-law Kevin, Grand-children Liam and Hannah.

The Funeral Service is to be held on Monday, March 30, at 11.30am, at Stafford

Crematorium.

From your brokenhearted Daughter Lesley and John.

Great-Grandad
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Gladys

From your Husband Roy and Family.

acknowledgements

Also to thank everyone for helping to raise £1,000 for Myeloma UK in memory of Sheila.

The Family of the late Don would like to thank everyone for their cards, messages of sympathy and donations to St. Giles Hospice totalling £850.

Thanks to all those who attended Don's Funeral, Rev. Mike Charles for a lovely Service, Halliwell Funeral Services and Hazelwood House.

A big thank you to all Staff at St. Giles Hospice who cared for Don during his final days.

The Family of the late Barry Owen would like to thank Friends, Neighbours and Family, for their support, for the cards of condolence, and foryour attendance at Barry's Funeral. But most of all simply being there at this sad time.

Also, many thanks to A. J. Sellman for their help and compassion shown. To The Chase Golf Club for the splendid buffet, and to Mr. David Gethin for a lovely memorable Service.

Donations for Cancer Research amounted to £564.

Thank you for your generosity in Barry's name.

SPROSTON

Gregory

(Greg)

The Family of the late Gregory Sproston would like to thank all Relatives, Friends and Neighbours for the eards and letters of sympathy and generous donations to PHA UK (Pulmonary Hypertension).

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Passed away March 8, 2015 at Katharine House Hospice, aged 87.

Stephen

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David

Sadly missed by Wife Doreen (Dot), Daughters, Sons-in-law, Grandchildren and Great -Grandchildren.

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From his Family.

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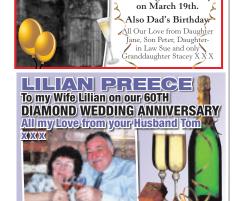
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- Staffordshire County Council propose to make a Traffic Order under Sections 1, 2, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 47, 49, 53, 124 (1)(d) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and the Traffic Management Act 2004 which will:
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- Full details of these proposals are in the draft Order which, together with a map showing the roads involved and a statement of the County Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be examined during normal office hours at the office of the Deputy Chief Executive during normal office nours at the office of the Deputy Chief executive & Director for Place; and during normal opening hours at Hednesford Library, Market Street, Hednesford, Cannock or via the internet at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/trafficregulationorders.
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John Tradewell, Director of Law, Democracy and Transformation, 2 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford, ST16 2LP. Date 19 March 2015

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WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR

THE DISTRICT OF CANNOCK CHASE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Staffordshire County Council, as surveying authority, in pursuance of its powers conferred by Section 57 of the Wildliff and Countryside Act 1981, have prepared an updated Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way for the District of Cannock Chase.

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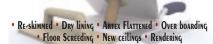
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Deakin's double helps Hayes take Dynamos

Heath Hayes 3 Shepshed 1 HEATH Hayes put on a performance which belied their lowly mance which belied their lowly league position when they took the game to Shepshed in a game which was a credit to both sides and officials

Hayes took the lead midway through the first half when Chris Deakin was bought down after a run into the area, he got to his foot

Deakin was bought down after a run into the area, he got to his feet to convert the penalty.

The second half saw the teams battle hard but it was Hayes who increased their score whenDan scragg put Deakin through for his second.

second.
Tension increased when Dynamo pulled a goal back when Alan Towers scored low into the corner, but Hayes put the game to bed when Kieran Northwood scrambled a corner home.
Heath Hayes O Loughborough 1
There wasn't much to choose

There wasn't much to choose between the teams in this crucial relegation battle in which Loughborough came out with the important one-goal win,

Full time Boro used their superior of the state of their superior of their super

rull time Boro used their superior fitness to their advantage by putting balls through to the pacey Webb who often left the Hayes defence trailing.

However, he could not find the net thanks to debutant keeper Mark Wiggins making three fine

Haves also made chances but

Hayes also made chances but could not put any pressure on Jack Halstead in the Boro goal The second half saw Hayes' de-fence coping well with Boro's pace but that changed on 70 minutes when a low 18-yard drive flew past Wiggins to be what proved to be the winning goal. Hayes could not find the equaliser

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Nothing lost as Cannock secure

WITH Cannock securing their National League sta-tus with a win against Southgate last weekend, their fixture against midlands rivals Beeston had nothing more at stake than pride.

Due to injuries and unavailability Cannock took the opportunity to give some of its under-18s a run out in the first team.

out in the first team.

On the other hand Beeston, who are heading for European competition next month, had their full squad, including a host of GB internationals, on show.

Cannock started the stronger and pushed to find in-roads into the Beeston defence. After winning a

The game swung from end to end until Beeston were awarded a penalty stroke. As GB player Adam Dixon stepped up to take the penalty, Cannock's keeper Dave Forrester dived to his left to push the ball beyond the post and keep Cannock in the lead.

Before half time Beeston's Sam Ward converted a penalty to level the score.

In the second half, despite several near misses, Cannock failed to find the net again. However, the clinical finishing of Beeston's Sam Ward dealt a further double blow to Cannock as he chalked up his

hat-trick and Cannock's defeat. Despite this loss, Cannock have finished the league season in the top half of a very tightly contested league.

This was the target of new coach John Bell and now puts him in a strong position to build on next season. Cannock's season is not over yet as holders, they have to take on Surbiton in the semi-finals of the NOW Pensions EH Cup.

Cannock 2nds 7 Beeston 2nds 6

Following the first team game Cannock's 2nds took on a very strong Beeston 2nds in a rescheduled Midlands League game.

Cannock lpulled the game around to win 7-6.

No Waite-ing as Scholars progress

TIVIDALE went out of this season's Walsall Senior Cup against Chasetown.

There was absolutely no comparison to the Scholars' side that the Tivs took four

points off in their earlier league encounters.

Daniel Griffiths was replaced through injury after eight minutes by Jonathon Haynes. Chastown had the majority of the possession and Tividale were forced to defend and play on the

On 23 minutes there was a free kick to Cha-

setown but Cameron Stuart fired it straight at Tividale keeper Charles Price. Three minutes later Chasetown were ahead. From a Stuart throw Tividale failed to clear their lines and Chasetown centre half Francino Fran-cis just hooked the ball back into the box and Na-

than Waite stabbed it past the wrong footed Price and it rolled into the net. The rest of the half was all Chasetown. Former Tividale striker Waite then tested Price on 47 minutes with an effort that the keeper gathered comfortably.

Nipped

A minute later and it was Tividale's turn to A filling later and it was Tividate stuff to test the visitors defence when a Chris Field cross was headed towards goal by Karl Edwards but Chasetown keeper John Bateman just nipped in to grab the ball. Chasetown then punished the home side on 76 minutes when from a Tividale attack they added

a second.

Tividale on the attack tried one pass to many and the visitors broke and from the counter Paul Sullivan was left one-on-one with Price and he showed his pedigree with a cool chip over the

keeper.
On 88 minutes Tividale conceded a third when On 88 minutes Ityldale conceded a sinit when Chasetown substitute Mortell Brown cut inside of his marker and fired home from 20 yards. In the end maybe the three-goal difference was a bit harsh on the hosts who played there part in a timical grap tio.

a typical cup tie.

Chasetown 2 Lincoln Utd 1

Chasetown dented Lincoln's play off prospects with a late winner to earn all three points in an entertaining end to end game in the Evo-Stik First Division South.



One of Nathan Waite's goals against Tividale which helped give the Scholars the victory

The Scholars took an eighth minute lead when a Nathan Waite effort was blocked by goalkeeper Rob Peet and Paul Sullivan reacted quickest to steer home

the rebound.

Then Sullivan struck the Lincoln post with a right footed effort just short of the hourwith Peet Chase-town again went close to adding to their lead with a shot that was deflected over, and then Lincoln's skipper Michael Jacklin made a sensa-

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tional block to deny Waite. Against the run of play, Lincoln were awarded a penalty on the hour when Chase skipper Chris Slater tripped Andy Hutchinson, with Danny Brooks converting the spot-kick beyond John Bateman.

Nine minutes from time, the hosts caught United on the break and Sullivan slipped the ball to an un-marked Waite who fired his 17th goal of his debut sea-son at The Scholars Ground..

Ricketts could be heading to Sky Blues

WOLVES club captain Sam Rick-etts could be on the verge of join-ing Coventry City.

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Ricketts, who has recently been
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The former Swanses Hull and

The former Swansea, Hull and The former Swansea, Hun and Bolton man, who has 52 Wales caps, said last week he needed to move on for the sake of his international career.

Jackett said: "There's been independent of the country." Last week

oakeet said. There's been in-terest (from Coventry). Last week they phoned about him but noth-ing's been done about it at the moment. "It's ongoing. I don't know what's going to happen but they've made an orguin."

what s going to happen but they ve made an enquiry. "He hasn't spoken to Tony (Mowbray), no." Asked if there were talks planned, Jackett said: "Not that I know of. "He's played well and helped the

"He's played well and helped the young players and he's done a lot of coaching with the defenders on a day to day basis in recent weeks. "Sam's choices are does he continue playing as long as possible or does he go into a coaching career?" I don't know what Sam's decision is. If he decides to pursue it then the club will talk finances and the length of time but the only thing available at the moment is an emergency loan anyway."

Asked about a potential loan swoop for Ricketts, new Coventry

swoop for Ricketts, new Coventry boss Tony Mowbray said: "I have to say watch this space."

Downing has hopes of new Saddlers deal

Defender Paul Downing is hopeful of signing a new Walsall deal in the near future.

The 23-year-old centre-back has confirmed he's keen to committing his future to the Saddlers, after thanking the club for the "fantastic" opportunity they have given him in the game.

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Downing's contract expires at the end of the season but he is one of four players in talks over new deals.

And he said: "It is not something I deal with, though there have been some preliminary discussions.
"I have always said I'm happy here. I'm from the area and I enjoy coming and playing for Walsall. I'm optimistic and hopefully we can get optimistic and hopefully we can get something sorted."

Downing has made 122 appearances for the Saddlers.

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Grimes goal rescues the Saddlers

Walsall 1 Sheff Utd 1
TRAILING to Jose Baxter's early strike and having spluttered through the opening hour, Dean Smith's team ensured they will head into Sunday's Johnstone's Paint Trophy final with some momentum with a blistering finish at the Banks's Stadium.

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Their hero was an unlikely one. Ashley Grimes has been a bit-part player for much of the campaign but did his hopes of appearing at Wembley no harm with a brilliant header to bring the hosts level 19 minutes from time. 19 minutes from time.

He almost had the winner two min-utes later but saw a shot rebound off the inside of the post.

It might be a bit too late for the for-

It might be a bit too late for the former Bury man to have earned a starting place on Sunday but comforting news for boss Smith nonetheless, particularly with top scorer Tom Bradshaw missing out through injury.

The big news before the game was the absence of Bradshaw and Andy Taylor from the match day squad. Bradshaw has been suffering with a tight hamstring, while full-back Taylor picked up a knock in Saturday's 1-1 draw with MK Dons.

Baxter opened the scoring for the

It appeared O'Donnell was simply

beaten for pace by the midfielder's sub-lime 25-yard finish which nestled in the bottom corner.

Forde almost pulled them level with a 25-yard free-kick which curled just wide of the post before Hiwula squandered a great opportunity when he could only di-rect his header from Cook's dinked cross straight at Mark Howard. The half ended in scrappy fashion and

Lockmen tumbled as Wellington side put the boot in

Willenhall 1 Wellington 4

right on the touchline 40 yards from the corner flag then some how skewed into the very top corner of the net for a lucky fourth.

Hockey

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Liverpool Sefton Ladies 1sts 0

Cannock Ladies 1sts1

CANNOCK had the better of the first half but

could not get ahead as chances proved elusive for both sides.

The second half saw the visitors begin strongly and their pressure eventually paid off.

Cannock Ladies 2nds 0 Northampton Saints Ladies 1sts 1
Northampton found the back of the net follow-

Hednesford 1 North Ferriby Utd 3
HEDNESFORD Town's hopes

of finishing in the top five of

the Conference North suffered a blow for the second time in a

Rob Smith's side went into the game looking to bounce back from last weekend's 2-1 loss against Boston United as they also aimed for their first ever league double over long-time foes Fer-

riby.
Although the visitors created the first two openings of the game, both of which were blocked, it was Town who went in front after eight minutes when Ben Bailey headed home from a right-wing

The visitors' first effort on target came in the

The visitors' first effort on target came in the 16th shot was on target but comfortably dealt with by goalkeeper Dan Crane.

At the other end only a timely interception stopped striker Marvin Robinson getting on the end of a dangerous cross from Adam Thomas after 21 minutes as the Pitmen pressed for a second.

Critical

Four minutes into the second period of the

Bolder dusted himself down, stepped up and slotted home the spot-kick to take his side into

week.

ing a well rehearsed short corner. Cannock fought hard but struggled to score with Northampton showing why they were promoted. Cannock Ladies 3rds 3 Lichfield Ladies 3rds 0

Chance to win eludes ladies team

Cannock Ladies 3s travelled to 4th placed Li-Cannockstill have the chance of staying up if they can win at Loughborough Students and one of their rivals fail to do so . chfield for their final away game knowing a win

chiled for their final away game knowing a win would edge them closer to promotion. Bev Cartlidge opened the scoring with a strike into the bottom corner. Before half time Cannock scored from two ex-cellent short corners. First Leah Smith, followed

by Emma Smith.In the final game of the season a

win will see Cannock crowned Champions.

Cannock Ladies 4ths 0 Lichfield Ladies 4ths 3

A slip in the Cannock defence saw Lichfield open the scoring. Lichfield managed to score twice more to seal the deal and won 3-0. Cannock will host Phoenix Blues next week. Lucy Black was awarded Player of the Match.

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Cannock Ladies 5ths 1 Lichfield Ladies 6ths 0 The first and only goal came to Rebecca Chap-man from a short corner.Player of the match was shared between two 13-year-olds, Louise Wykes and Vicky Dennison. Cannock are second in Staf-fordshire Women's Hockey League Division 4.

That's Owls to do it as Wolves win

Wolves 3 Sheffield Wednesday 1 BAKARY Sako's 18th-minute spot-kick following Nouha Dicko's fall that looked right out of Fernando Forestieri's book

right out of Fernando Forestieri's book of tricks paved the way for a third win in four home games to keep the pressure on the top six.

Benik Afobe and substitute James Henry added the gloss that was slightly tarnished by Richard Stearman's exit on a stretcher 17 minutes from time.

But it was just the sort of determined, full threattle performance to make the

But it was just the sort of determined, full throttle performance to make the missing fans whet their lips in anticipation of Friday night's televised visit of Derby.

Jackett made two changes from the library that made it engages from the library that made it

Jackett made two changes from the line-up that made it successive draws at Brighton on Saturday. Scott Golbourne and Nouha Dicko re-placed Kortney Hause and James Henry as the boss went for a more attacking

team. Wolves, unusually kicking towards the South Bank in the first half, immediately set about putting Wednesday under pressure.

Nouha Dicko skipped past the challenge of Helan and was still accelerating when he was caught by minimal contact from Claude Dielna, who had made three glorious interceptions earlier to deny the fired-up Wolves attack.

Referee Simon Hooper had no hesitation in pointing to the spot.

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If Wolves thought they were going to repeat their furious first half by laying siege to the Wednesday goal, they were sadly mistaken. Instead the Owls tried

sadiy mistaken. Instead the Owis tried in vain for the equaliser. Wolves broke to double their lead with the in-rushing Afobe to meet a cross on the volley. And Henry duly made it 3-0.

Villa are allocated 31,000 FA tickets VILLA have been handed an allocation of 31,799 for their FA Cup semi-final – with tickets on sale now. The club do not yet know whether they will be facing Blackburn or Liverbut will be laten Blackburl or Liver-pool at Wembley, or indeed which pre-cise date the tie will take place. But supporters will still be able to snap up their seats for the big game, which will take place on either April 18 or 19. Tickets will be priced between £63 and

Glenn Walker gets a dangerous cross into the penalty area during the match against Ferriby

WILLENHALL went down to a 4-1 home defeat to Wellington that leaves them out of the West Midlands Premier

relegation zone only on goal difference.
The shell-shocked Lockmen were 3-0
down after just 27 minutes and Wellington added their fourth midway through the second half.

Matt Dorgan got Willenhall's goal in the 71st minute with a header from a

corner.

Matt Aubrey and Ben Fisher gave the visitors a 2-0 leadSoon after it was 3-0 when a corner was twice cleared off the line but the ball somehow ended in the back of the net via a goalmouth scramble.

A mis-hit Matt Aubrey cross from

fourth.

However, justice appeared to have been done when Matt Dorgan came steaming in at the far post to powerfully head home Wilson's delivery.

Wilson and Sudlow both forced good

Critical

That would prove critical as two minutes later Ferriby were level when the lively Danny Clarke worked himself into a shooting position after riding two challenges before slotting home.

It went from bad to worse in the 28th minute for the Pitmen when captain Darren Campion was despatched after he was shown a straight red card for a high tackle on Clarke.
The visitors almost went ahead three minutes later when Clarke's effort was pushed onto the crossbar before Tom Denton, with the attentions of James Hurst, headed the rebound against the post. the lead. Within a minute Hednesford almost dragged themselves level only for Adam Thomas to be denied by goalkeeper Jonathan Hedge.

The Pitmen should really have exploited their

Four minutes into the second period of the game Dan Crane was forced into a smart low save from Ryan Kendall as the visitors tried to make the man advantage count and take the game away from the home side.

This they did in the 66th minute after they were awarded a penalty when Tom Thorley brought down Adam Bolder.

The Pitmen should really have exploited their chances done so though in the 70th minute as Steve Diggin worked himself into a shooting position only for Hedge to deny him.
Much to his side's frustration the striker also flashed an effort wide just three minutes later.
The visitors weathered the storm though and after Bolder struck the crossbar they extended their lead from the resulting corner with 12 minutes remaining

ttes remaining.

The ball into the box was headed on by Denton and Ferriby substitute Nathan Jarman volleyed

home from 12 yards to extend the lead further for his side and effectively extinguish any hope for Hednesford.

Hednesford Town: Crane, Hurst, Campion, Bailey, Westwood, Thorley (Diggin 68), Osborne, Thomas, Robinson (Kerry 36), Rushton (Strain 81), Walker.
Sub not used: Todd.

North Ferriby United: Hedge, Topliss, Wilde (Bruce 50), D'Laryea, Wilson (Anderson 50), Hone, Clarke, Bolder, Denton, Kendall, Bateson (Jarman 69)

Subs not used: Gray, Nicholson. Attendance: 441

Tickets will be priced between 100 aims 233 for adults and can be purchased online, by phone or in person at the club's ticket office.

Priority will be given to season ticket holders, with those who have held a season ticket for more than 10 years.



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